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BRITISH VICTIMS OF AVALANCHE.

Lady Tennis Player's
Fate.

NAMES OF SURVIVORS.

London, Yesterday.
Miss D. M. Furnival, one of
the victims of the avalanche in
Switzerland, is an expert skier
and a well-known London lawn
tennis player, and has competed
at Wimbledon. Her father, Frank
(not L. C.) Furnival, retired from
the Indian Civil Service in 1926.
Miss Leslie Galloway (not Mrs.
Galway), is the daughter of
Colonel Galloway, an ex-Director
of the Ministry of Munitions.
The third survivor, Gilbert (not
Mrs.) Stead, is a London business
man, a friend of the Furnivals.—
Reuter.

Graphic Account.

A graphic story of the over-
whelming of the party of British
tourists by an avalanche in
Aletsch Forest, was told by Sir
Roderick Jones, who is visiting
Adelboden. He says that the
party were climbing up to the
ridge connecting the Eggishorn
to Riederfurka, when an avalanche
between 400 and 500 metres
wide broke away 200 metres
above them. The guide leading
the party saved himself by cling-
ing to a tree and freed himself
from the snow. He found an-
other guide, Fritzbaerschi, also
clinging to a tree. Mr. Furnival
was picking himself up out of the
snow. The rest of the party had
disappeared. Then the tips of
fingers were seen emerging out of
the snow.

The survivors feverishly dug
the snow and rescued Miss Lees
in the nick of time. Mr. Stead
was found under a tree which
had broken and the snow saved
his life. The guide paid a high
tribute to the pluck of the sur-
vivors, particularly Miss Lees'
enduring hardships to exposure
and shortage of food for two
nights and a day until they met
rescuers.—Reuter.

Earlier Report.

Berne, Yesterday.
Three British women tourists,
Mrs. L. C. Furnival, Miss Furnival
and Mrs. Galway, and one guide,
have been killed while on an ex-
pedition from Jungfrau Joch for the
Aletsch Glacier.

They had been missing since
Friday.

A rescue party is returning to
Adelboden with three survivors,
Mrs. L. C. Furnival, Miss Lees, and
Mrs. Stead.—Reuter.

SCHNEIDER TROPHY.

ROYAL AERO CLUB TO RAISE
OVER \$80,000.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Royal Aero Club will short-
ly make a public appeal for funds
to defend the Schneider Trophy.
The sum required will be some-
what higher than the original es-
timate of \$80,000. The existing
high speed British machines which
won the race two years ago will re-
quire to be drastically recondition-
ed. Britain will be using sea-
planes and engines designed over
two years ago, against the newest
French and Italian products.
Nevertheless, the fine performance
of these machines, and the ex-
perience with them which the Air
Force personnel, now made avail-
able by the Government, have had
since the last contest, encourage
the hopes of experts that the trophy
will be successfully held by Britain.
—British Wireless Service.

Lady Houston's Gift.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Lady Houston, widow of the
millionaire shipowner, has offered
to guarantee a sum of
\$100,000, which the Prime Minis-
ter considers necessary to defray
expenses in connection with pro-
moting the British entry to
defend the Schneider Trophy in
the contest to be held in British
waters in the autumn.

The Government announced
yesterday that the Royal Air
Force personnel and machines
would be made available if the
necessary funds were raised from
private sources, and to-day Air
Chief Marshal Sir John Salmond
presided over a conference at
which the Admiralty and other
Government departments con-
cerned and the Royal Aero Club
were represented to consider the
steps to be taken in connection
with the race.

Britain has the following

CANVASSER WINS HIS CASE.

China Neonlite Co.
To Pay.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

Mr. Justice Jackson, in the
Supreme Court yesterday, gave
judgment for plaintiff with costs,
in the claim by Mr. J. M. Xavier
against the China Neonlite Com-
pany and partners therein, in re-
spect of certain commissions
alleged to be due as a result of
sales arising from plaintiff's re-
presentations.

His Lordship stated that the
name of Mr. Manarky, who was
not a party to the action, would be
struck out, and in respect of
second defendant named in the
writ, it would be necessary for
plaintiff to bring up the issue as
to whether he was a partner or
not.

His Lordship, giving judgment,
said that defendants had admit-
ted plaintiff's right to the com-
missions in question, but claimed
that he had waived it on April
30, 1930. He was inclined to think
that the stories of plaintiff and
Mr. Manarky differed due to a
misunderstanding. If plaintiff
had really, in a fit of impatience,
abandoned his rights, Mr.
Manarky should have obtained
some release in writing. Under
the circumstances, he consider-
ed plaintiff entitled to the com-
missions, the defence having fail-
ed to prove their contention.

"Quite Honest About It."
His Lordship added that he be-
lieved Mr. Manarky acted quite
honestly in the matter as he
understood it, but, on the facts
given, he could not believe that
Mr. Xavier had abandoned all his
rights as he was alleged to have
done.

Mr. J. T. Prior, for defendants,
said he hoped that the judgment
did not amount to a declaration
that plaintiff was entitled to com-
mission in respect of any other
work done by defendants with
the three parties to the contracts
concerned in the case.

His Lordship said that his judg-
ment concerned only the three
contracts in question.

WEAVERS' DEMANDS

NEGOTIATIONS WITH PREMIER
BROKEN OFF.

London, Yesterday.
As a sequel to the weavers' de-
cision the Prime Minister yester-
day and to-day negotiated with
the representatives of both em-
ployers and weavers. The nego-
tiations broke off to-night, when
the weavers returned to Man-
chester.

Discussion Over.

The cotton weavers' represen-
tatives, in an interview with
Reuter, said that there will be
no further negotiations at pre-
sent.—Reuter.

Outlook Grave.

The Prime Minister, speaking at
Wattford, where he opened the new
Trade Union Hall this evening, said
that he had been engaged through-
out the day in an attempt to
straighten out the difficulties in the
cotton industry dispute. He was
sorry to say that his efforts had not
been completely successful but he
hoped that so much work had been
done that agreement was not very
far off.

These very prolonged nego-
tiations lasting far into the night
and renewed early this morning pro-
foundly convinced him that unless
a means of settling industrial dis-
putes otherwise than by warring
conflicts could be devised the out-
look was grave. On the other
hand, by settling down and getting
together, each doing fairly by the
other, there is no reason for pes-
simism.—British Wireless Service.

high speed aircraft available:
Gloster Four of the type used at
Venice in 1927; two Supermarine
Napier S6, of which one was the
winner of the Venice race; two
Gloster Napier Seaplanes; two
Supermarine Rolls Royce S6, one
of which was the winner of the
1929 race.

It is understood that a new
Supermarine S6 will be built and
two existing S6 machines will be
modified for the race. Three
pilots engaged in high speed re-
search work at Felixstowe are
available and will probably serve
as the nucleus of that team to par-
ticipate in the race.—British
Wireless Service.

COURT MARTIAL OF U.S. GENERAL.

To Be Defended by an
Old Comrade.

FOUGHT IN TIENTSIN

Washington, Yesterday.
The Navy Department is ener-
getically pushing on preparations
for General Butler's court mar-
tial, which will be comprised of
five to 13 senior naval officers.
General Butler has asked his old
comrade, Major Henry Leonard,
who is now a prominent lawyer in
Washington, to defend him.
Leonard saved Butler's life at
Tientsin during the Boxer trou-
bles.—Reuter's American Ser-
vice.

[General Smedley Darlington
Butler was born at West Chester,
Pennsylvania, in July, 1881,
and he joined the United States
Marine Corps in 1899. He was
promoted by grades to the rank of
Colonel in 1919, having served as
Commander of the U.S. Marine
Battalion at Brest, France, dur-
ing the European War. He was
promoted to full Brigadier-Gen-
eral in 1921, and in 1924 served
for a year as Director of the De-
partment of Safety in Philadel-
phia. For his services during the
War he was decorated with the
Distinguished Services Medal.
He is a Quaker.]

Naval Complaint.

Washington, Yesterday.
Old naval men are staggered by
the swiftness with which the State
Department has handled the Butler
incident, and are even inclined to
complain of Mr. Stimson's forward-
ness in seeking to regulate naval
affairs.

It is pointed out that the court
martial (the first on an officer of
Gen. Butler's rank since the Civil
War) will be composed of Gen.
Butler's seniors, some of whom will
be recalled from retirement. An
unusual feature of the case is the
way Gen. Butler is standing by the
press reports of his speech, instead
of taking the usual course of
denying their accuracy.—Reuter's
American Service.

"PIT OF DEATH."

PATHETIC SCENES AT HAIG
MINE.

WOMEN COLLAPSE.

London, Yesterday.
Two hundred men were work-
ing in the Haig pit at White-
haven at the time of the explo-
sion, which occurred as the night
shift were preparing to descend.
The workings were wrecked, and
rescuers had to fight after-damp
and also gas, which spread to the
adjacent Wellington pit.

There were pathetic scenes all
night long, women who were
waiting for news collapsing as the
bodies were brought up.

The Haig pit runs two miles
under the sea, and is described as
a "pit of death" on account of
the number of disasters in the
past, accounting for 56 lives in
eight years, while 136 were killed
in an explosion in the Wellington
pit in 1910.

The Prince of Wales visited
Whitehaven mines three years
ago, and explored the undersea
workings.

Rescuers' Fine Efforts.

By this morning, 11 bodies and
29 survivors had been brought to
the surface.

Practically every miner above
ground in the district has volun-
teered for rescue work, and a
party including several doctors
descended the shaft and worked
in relays throughout last night,
tearing aside the falls of rock be-
tween them and the entombed
miners.

All the survivors are suffering
from the effects of gas, and many
have concussion and broken
limbs. It is understood that
other bodies have been recovered
and are at the bottom of the shaft
awaiting removal to the surface.
The explosion occurred near a
spot where three years ago
thirteen colliery officials lost
their lives.—Reuter and British
Wireless Service.

King's Sympathy.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Twenty-eight men were lost in
the mining explosion which occur-
ed in Cumberland last night. In a
message from Sandringham the
King says: "The Queen and I are
shocked to hear of the terrible
disaster and the serious loss of
life. Please convey our heartfelt

SAVING THE LIFE OF THE EMPIRE.

Mr. Churchill Starts His
Indian Campaign.

"FACE THE CONSEQUENCES."

London, Yesterday.
Beginning his campaign "To
Save India," Mr. Winston
Churchill, in a speech at Man-
chester, declared that "Upon the
supreme question of India, which
is no ordinary question of politics,
but involves the life of the British
Empire, we ought to stand up
for what we believe, and face the
consequences, whatever they may
be."

Referring to Gandhi's release,
he remarked: "It did not take
him long to launch a new defiance
at the Government of India."

He expressed the opinion that
the British ought to make very
clear their intention to remain
effective rulers of India in every
essential for a very long, in-
definite period.—Reuter.

TO BENEFIT RUBBER INDUSTRY.

Levy on Material Made
in Britain.

SAFEGUARDING RESEARCH.

London, Yesterday.
The House of Commons to-day
passed the second reading of the
Rubber Industry Bill, a private
measure designed to safeguard
rubber research by means of a
levy of 1/25 pence per lb. on
all rubber manufactured in
Great Britain and Northern Ire-
land. It is expected to yield
£15,000 annually. A similar Bill
in 1928 failed to get beyond the
second reading.—Reuter.

SOME FOG.

To-day's weather report
from the Royal Observatory
states:—

Pressure is now highest to
the N.E. of Tokyo.
Moderate to light N.E. or
variable winds prevail along
the S.E. coast of China and
over the north China Sea.
Forecast:—N.E. or variable
winds; moderate to light;
generally fair; some fog.

GAINING STRENGTH.

PRINCESS BEATRICE SAID TO
BE IMPROVING.

London, Yesterday.
A bulletin states that as a re-
sult of last night's rest and a quiet
day Princess Beatrice has gained a
little strength.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A bulletin issued this morning
from Kensington Palace says that
Princess Beatrice has had a very
restful night.—British Wireless
Service.

KOCHOW RETURNS.

The s.s. Kochow which was re-
flooded on Thursday evening after
being aground for four days on the
West River, near Campbell Island,
arrived in Hong-Kong harbour at
2.45 this morning. It is under-
stood that she had to wait longer
than was anticipated for favourable
tide.

sympathy to the bereaved rela-
tives.

The Prime Minister has tele-
graphed his sympathy and admira-
tion of the wonderful rescue work
of the 45 men cut off by the explo-
sion. 19 were rescued alive.
Twenty-six bodies have been re-
covered. Two men died from gas
poisoning in an adjoining pit.
The injured detained in hospital
are suffering from gas poisoning,
concussion and burns. These were
39 men in the pit when the ex-
plosion occurred, but a large pro-
portion were in other parts of the
pit.—British Wireless Service.

MEXICAN DEBT TO BE PAID IN SILVER.

Gold Payments Lapse
for Two Years.

NEW AGREEMENT SIGNED.

New York, Yesterday.
A new agreement for the settle-
ment of the Mexican debt was
signed to-day, permitting the
postponement of gold payments
for two years, owing to the de-
cline of silver, but retaining the
other features of the agreement
of July 25, 1930.

The agreement was signed by
the Mexican Finance Minister,
and Mr. T. W. Lamont, Chairman
of the International Committee
of Bankers on Mexico, subject to
the approval of the Mexican Con-
gress and bondholders.

Mr. Lamont stated that the
Mexican Government would pay
the Committee in silver pesos
equivalent to the payments
scheduled for 1931-32, to total
25,500,000 United States gold
dollars, including \$5,000,000 pre-
viously deposited under the July
agreement, which will be con-
verted into silver for the purpose.

The silver will be lodged in
Mexico City in case the exchange
situation within the next two
years permits its conversion into
gold and its transfer to the com-
mittee in New York.—Reuter's
American Service.

REIGN OF TERROR.

ITALIAN ANARCHISTS TO BE
SHOT.

BOMB FACTORY FOUND.

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.
After terrorising the city for
three years, the anarchists,
Digiovanni and Scarfe, have been
arrested and are to be shot.
Digiovanni was born in Italy. He
is accused of throwing the bomb
which wrecked the Italian Con-
sulate here in 1928, killing a num-
ber of people. He is also alleged
to be responsible for the bomb-
ing of a Boston bank, killing four
workmen, three policemen, and a
girl. He was found to have a
workshop for the manufacture
of bombs and "paper money".
—Reuter's American Service.

ESTATE DUTY.

REVISED SCALE IN DRAFT
BILL.

In the Government Gazette is
published the draft of a Bill to
amend the Estate Duty Ordinance
in various ways suggested by the
practical working of the Ordina-
ance. Some of the amendments
now proposed are intended to
bring the Ordinance into closer
agreement with the Finance Act,
1894, 57 and 58 Vict. c. 30. Others
are designed to prevent evasion of
estate duty.

The scale has been revised as
under:—

Where the principal value of the estate	Estate Duty shall be payable at the rate per cent. of	
Exceeds and does not exceed		
\$ 5,000	\$ 5.00	\$ 1
5,000	10.00	2
10,000	15.00	3
25,000	20.00	4
50,000	25.00	5
100,000	30.00	6
200,000	35.00	7
400,000	40.00	8
600,000	45.00	9
800,000	50.00	10
1,000,000	55.00	11
1,500,000	60.00	12
2,000,000		

STILL AGROUND.

CHARLES HARDOUN ON FLAT
ISLAND.

The China Mail learns this morn-
ing that the s.s. Charles Hardoun
was still aground at 6 p.m. yester-
day when other river vessels pass-
ed her on the way down to Hong
Kong.

The vessel, it is now ascertained,
is stranded on what is known as the
No. 1 Flat Island at the fork pas-
sage leading to Whampoa and
Taishan.
The Charles Hardoun's failure at
get off at 6 p.m. yesterday meant
that she would have to remain on
the flat until the next tide at mid-
night. Whether or not another at-
tempt was made to take her off at
that time cannot be ascertained
locally until the day vessels arrive
from up river.

ADVERTISING AND BUSINESS.

How Hong Kong Could
Develop.

MR. MILLINGTON'S VIEWS.

An interesting little talk on the
benefits to be derived by the use of
well-planned and discreet adver-
tising was given by Mr. H. J. Milling-
ton, principal in the firm of Milling-
ton and Company, of Shanghai, at a
tiffin party held yesterday in the
Hotel Cecil.
A representative group of Chinese
business men attended, includ-
ing Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr.
Wong Kwong-tin.
Mr. Millington, assisted by Mr.
Strother, local branch manager of
the firm, received the guests, and
in the course of his talk, comment-
ed upon the fact that now, more
than ever, it behoved Hong Kong
business men to study intently the
science of advertising as applied
to modern business.

The Various Media.

"Unless business heads get to
know something about this remark-
able science," said the speaker,
"they cannot expect to get as much
out of their activities as can be
expected. It is perhaps unneces-
sary to detail the various media
that can be used. There is the
newspaper, the best of all adver-
tising media, and also posters,
signs on trams, buses, ferries and
railways, theatre curtains, and
directories, amongst a host of
others."
"The question for you to study
is, which is the best medium for
your business? And in this con-
nection, it may be said that al-
though many heads of firms know
how to run their business better
than anyone else, when it comes
to a question of marketing they
can benefit by expert advice from
an advertising agency or expert
who has had experience of market-
ing problems of a similar charac-
ter. This contention is borne out
by the success of such firms as
Crawford's and Highams, to name
only two, who have built up enor-
mous businesses by showing
tailors how to improve their turn-
over by advertising on sound and
skilful lines."

Mr. Millington then briefly
traced the development of his own
business, which was made from
very small beginnings, in the face
of well-intended advice from his
friends in Shanghai.

Personal Service Vital.

"Advertising," he continued, "is
useless, however, unless followed
up with personal service. That is
absolutely essential. Given a good
commodity, good advertising, and
above all, good service, business
should always follow. But the ad-
vertising must be on sound and
original lines, and something
different from that of a competi-
tor."

"So branch out on new lines, and
get as many brains to help you as
you can, and you will win out.
But if you sit in your office all day
and in your own time you will most
probably lose. That is because all
advertising, down to the last detail,
should be planned out a year
ahead. By this means, you are
able to keep to the same policy,
and there is no half-forgotten,
hastily-written "copy" that is prac-
tically useless. Hence the benefit
in having a whole-time advertising
expert to help you. You need a
staff of good artists and copy-
writers, and buyers of space, either
yourself, or through the agency of
someone who employs them."

Hong Kong Lacking.

Mr. Millington gave it as his
opinion that Hong Kong stood badly
in need of advertising service.
Perhaps some people would not
agree, but those more directly
concerned with business practical-
ity lived through the force of ad-
vertising. Good advertising kept
them on top. It was noteworthy
in these days of general depression
that firms the world over that had
persisted in good advertising had
kept their heads above water.

Broadcasting.

Speaking of broadcasting, Mr.
Millington said he hoped that the
local Government would realise
that there was a good revenue to
be obtained from advertising by
radio. However, that advertising
would have to be done in a nice
way. They could not expect any-
one to listen to people broadcast-
ing about advertising for an hour
or more. What was indicated was
something on the lines of the
"Ford hour." In the United States
there is a mere announcement to
that effect was made, after which

EGYPT ROTTEN WITH DOPE TRAFFIC.

Considerable Decrease
Shown by Fellaheen.

TURKEY TO BLAME.

Geneva, Yesterday.
Retailers' greed in adulterating
up to 90 per cent. was mentioned
by Russell Pasha, at to-day's
meeting of the Opium Committee,
as being one of the main causes
of the decrease by 50 per cent. of
drug taking among the Egypt-
ian fellaheen, other reasons be-
ing the economic depression, pro-
paganda, and penal deterrents.
For example, 3,500 traffickers last
year were sentenced to 12 months'
imprisonment each, and 1,400
to terms of two to five years;
nevertheless, the country was still
"rotten with dope" derived
from Turkey.

Turks Absent.

General applause greeted
Russell Pasha's statement on the
improved situation in Egypt.
The Chairman, M. Vasconcelles,
paid a warm tribute to the Egypt-
ian Government, also Russell
Pasha, but regretted the Turkish
representative's absence from the
session owing to illness. He hoped
the Turkish Government would
do their utmost to control the il-
licit traffic in Constantinople.

The Turks' absence during the
hearing of revelations about
three factories in Constantinople
which are supplying heroin to
Egypt, has been much comment-
ed on, and there have been some
remarks about a "diplomatic ill-
ness."

This morning's session agreed to
the request of the Turkish dele-
gate to adjourn consideration of
the important seizures of drugs
of Turkish origin at Marseilles
and New York pending the re-
ceipt of information from Ankara.
A film shown this afternoon
showing Egyptian drug addicts in
prison and hospital in various
stages of dope poisoning deeply
impressed the Committee.—
Reuter.

FLIGHT TO CANTON.

MR. BROPHY MAY PROCEED TO
HONG KONG.

WEATHER UNFAVOURABLE.

Foochow, Yesterday.
Mr. Brophy returned to Foochow
with the American Consul this
afternoon. He reports that short-
ly after leaving on Monday, he
climbed to 14,000 feet. Heavy
sleet and snow forming on the
wings caused the plane to fall
about 8,000 feet. Owing to this
new weight of the plane, he was
forced to

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ROUND THE CINEMAS

SHARON LYNN WANTS DRAMATIC ROLE "MAN TROUBLE."

The secret desire of Sharon Lynn is to become an emotional actress and she spends a great deal of her spare time in study. She reads morbid stories, entertaining an idea that they will help her emotionally. Miss Lynn, however, has been so outstanding in character parts of a lighter vein, that she is finding it no easy job to induce directors to cast her in roles where she may find an opportunity to act rather than sing and dance. Several times she has talked herself into a heavy role, only to have another director, on the eve of the "first shooting," beg her to take the song and dance part in his picture.

Miss Lynn has a role in "Man Trouble," Fox Movietone romantic drama showing in the Queen's Theatre to-day, that gives her a better chance to display her versatility than anything she has previously done. She appears as a singer in a speak-easy cabaret, and sings two of the four songs which James Hanley and Joseph McCarthy wrote for the production. Dorothy Mackaill, who plays the leading feminine role, sings the other two. Milton Sills and Kenneth MacKenna as rivals for the hand and heart of Dorothy Mackaill play the leading masculine roles. Others important players in the cast are Roscoe Karns, Oscar Apfel, James Bradbury, jun., Fyfe Chapman, Harvey Clark, and Lew Harvey.

Berthold Viertel, who made "Seven Faces," in which Paul Muni was such an outstanding success, directed the picture, the story of which was adapted by George Manker Watters and Marion Orth from Ben Ames Williams's "A Very Practical Joke," which was published in the Saturday Evening Post. Watters also collaborated with Edwin Burke on the dialogue.

"ROMANCE"

Greta Garbo, who is starred in "Romance," her new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer talking picture, which will come to-morrow to the Queen's Theatre, was born in Stockholm, Sweden, where she made her film debut in "The Story of Gosta Berling" before going to America in 1925. Miss Garbo, who was educated in the Royal Dramatic Academy in Sweden, rose to stardom at once with "The Temptress," and since that time has steadily increased her tremendous following. Her last silent films were "The Single Standard" and "The Kiss." Her talkie debut in "Anna Christie" won her new laurels.

Clarence Brown again directed Miss Garbo in the picturization of the famous Edward Sheldon play in which Doris Keane starred for many years. Lewis Stone and Gavin Gordon head the supporting cast which includes Elliott Nugent, Florence Lake, Clara Blandick, Mathilde Comont, Henry Armetta, Edward Woods, and Countess Nina de Liguoro.

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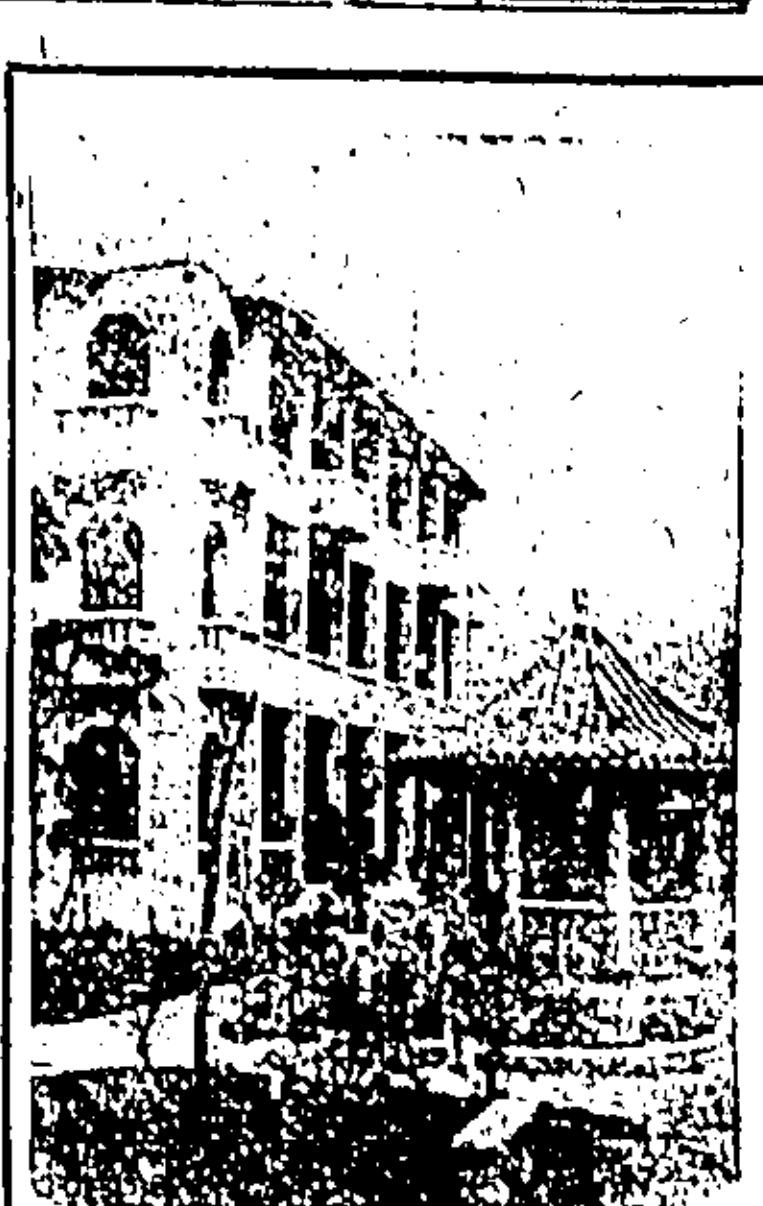
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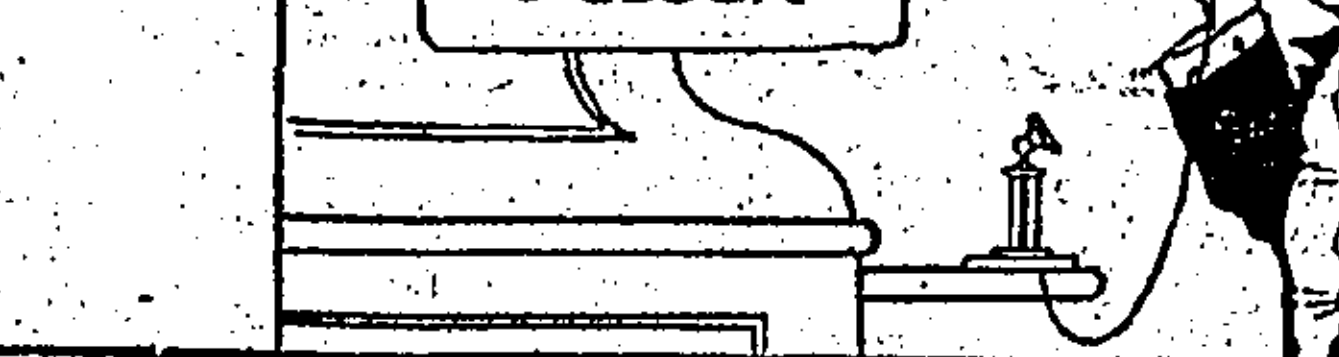
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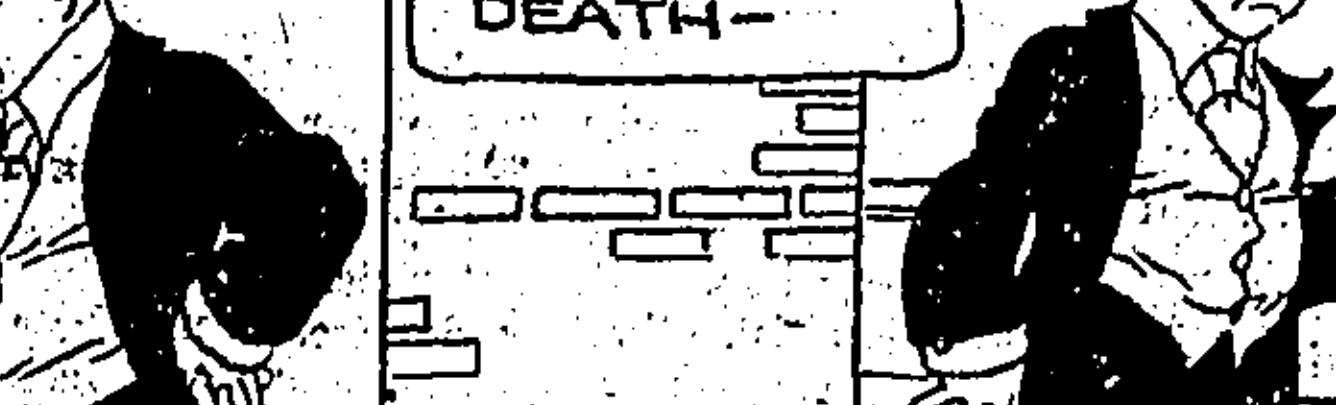
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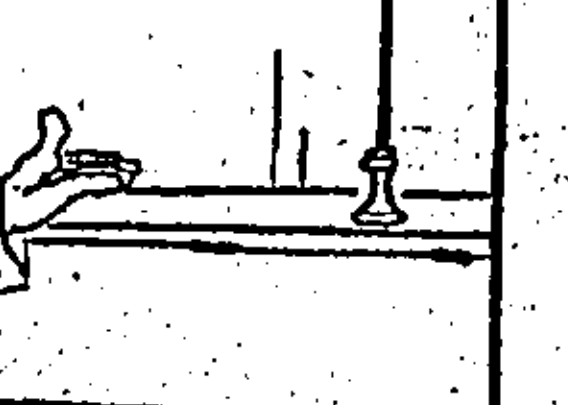
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child is going to be when he grows
up until he is at least ten or twelve
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the child, to obey, encourage him to
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To keep the hair in good con-
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strokes of the brush a day is an
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well to follow. Whether the hair is
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mines the time that should be
allowed between washings. A
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least once a fortnight, while a dry
scalp can be left for a month or
even six weeks, providing brushing
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To make a shampoo for hair that
is losing its gleam and turning
"mousey," take 1oz. pure white
Castile soap and scrape it into fine
shreds. Into a jug place 1oz.

camomile flowers (obtainable from
any chemist). Pour over them one
pint of boiling water, cover the jug
and allow to stand for 15 minutes.
Strain off the water, put in an
enamel pan and re-heat. Pour
this over the soap, and beat until
a frothy mass is obtained. Shampoo
this into the hair in the usual way,
rinse off in three separate waters,
and to the last rinsing-water add
one dessertspoonful strained lemon-
juice.

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with two tablespoonfuls of luke-
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A case the Privy Council have just heard presents that common object of the seashore, a mud-dredger, in a more poetic light than usual. The case came from West Africa, and relates to the neighborhood of the outfall of the Amanzul River at a point known as the Twin Rivers, on the Bakanta-Ayensini littoral, says the Journal of Commerce.

It was a dispute between two native Chiefs—Abakah Kthah, Chief of the Ampani, to the east of the outfall, and Kweku Ackah, Chief of Bakanta, on the west of the outfall, to the south of the lagoon, and related to land on which the former's predecessor had planted cocoa and rubber trees.

Counsel explained that, in the days of their ancestors, the river overflowed its banks, and for some mysterious reason refused to resume its normal dimensions, so that it became necessary to offer an oblation to the river god, and the Chief, whose particular duty it was, sought out an oblation in the form of a black fowl, which was deemed an especially acceptable bonne bouche, to induce that river god to open again the way to the sea.

But the pullet, apparently, was not adequate, and the ferry problem remained pressing. He next offered a black sheep, which appears to be a more effective way of clearing an outfall channel of silt, and everybody hoped for the best, but making a scapegoat even of a black sheep did not meet the case.

The Omanhin, or Over-chief, then required the local Chief, on whom lay the responsibility in these matters, to sacrifice his son. Apparently a son was not available, so he prepared to offer a nephew. There is no reason to say anything about nepotism and the aculear relation, but uncles do not appear to be any more an unmixed blessing than parents in West Africa.

Luckily, while the preparations were in progress, the river fell, and the West African equivalent of the Iphigenia incident, with the Greeks before Troy, providentially became unnecessary; but what, one wonders, would the native chieftains have said to an opportune mud-dredger?

A mud-dredger and the antique Greek story may be an incongruous conjunction, but had one been available the Bakanti and the Ampani (if that is the proper plural) might have been constrained to wreathe the dredger with flowers in the sequel, as in the happy youth of the world, and the devoted black fowl and black sheep might have lain down in domestic peace together.

There was no indication, before the case ended, that a reliable dredger now lies moored at the mouth of the sacred Twin Rivers.

PASSENGERS LISTS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. President McKinley on January 30:—
Mrs. Oliver Caldwell, Mr. L. John, Capt. D. R. M. Cameron, Mr. V. L. Caton, Miss Lettie Dingeman, Mr. C. E. Encarnacao, Mr. C. G. Evans, Mr. B. Forknall, Mr. Emil Gensberger, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gild, Mr. S. A. Judah, Mr. David Judah, Major General J. W. Sandelands, Mr. E. S. Somerville.

Per s.s. Malwa on January 29:—
R. W. Keown, A. Macindoe, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hynes, 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Falla, Jun. Falla, C. Neave, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hopkins, Mrs. J. Colquhoun, J. R. S. Taylor, Miss M. B. Matthews, Mrs. G. F. Rees, K. Keen, H. W. G. Morris, Miss A. Symington, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ewing, 2 children, and inf., Mrs. Le Tissier, child and inf., Mrs. A. M. Beveridge, Miss J. Campbell, G. C. Loutrie, Capt. F. A. Lovegrove, Hon. Mrs. Tutton, Miss S. Tutton, E. Cock, Mrs. Cock, Miss Howard-Smith, Miss E. L. G. Strong, Miss N. Wheeler, Miss M. P. Henderson, Mrs. C. H. Abercrombie, Mrs. M. L. Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lunny, Miss M. L. Whitely, Mr. and Mrs. Mackie, and 2 infants, De la Rochebrochard, E. G. Collingwood, Mr. and Mrs. Collingwood, Miss Carrington, W. D. Wentworth, Lt. and Mrs. Sinker, Miss Milla, Rev. G. T. Scott, Miss W. Middleton, Miss G. Middleton, Humphries, Mrs. S. A. Wong, Mrs. P. S. Wong, and inf., Mr. and Mrs. Noble, Miss Noble, W. Weir, P. Buzard, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, Rev. E. M. Dodd, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, and inf., F. W. Bible, Comdr. P. Maxwell, Mrs. C. Graham-Dewar, Mrs. V. Laidlaw, Dr. S. C. Doore, H. R. Waring, Mr. and Mrs. Beaman, Tong S. Pay, Mrs. L. B. Guttery.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Berwick—No. 6 buoy.
Bruce—No. 8 buoy.
Cornflower—No. 4 buoy.
Cumberland—West wall.
Herald—South wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Iroquois—North wall.
Kent—North arm.
Marazion—No. 12 buoy.
Medway—No. 2 buoy.
Odin—No. 2 buoy.
Osiris—In dock.
Oswald—In dock.
Otus—No. 2 buoy.
Petersfield—North wall.
Seamew—East wall.
Sepoy—No. 10 buoy.
Seraph—No. 11 buoy.
Serapis—East wall.
Somme—No. 7 buoy.
Sterling—North wall.
Stormcloud—No. 5 buoy.
Thracian—No. 12 buoy.
Foreign Man-of-War.
Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.
Vigilante—French gunboat.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Thursday, January 29.
Ramises, German m.s., 7,987 tons.
Capt. Bleicke, Jansen, from Bremen, Kowloon Pier.—Jebesen & Co.

Friday, January 30.
Chojun Maru, Japanese str., 1,324 tons, Capt. Y. Maki, from Amoy Yumati Anchorage.—D.K.K.

Comorin, British str., 15,000 tons, Capt. C. W. Cartwright, D.S.C., from Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Zurylochus, British str., 3,600 tons, Capt. W. B. Reed, from Singapore, Heli's Wharf.—B. & S.

Golden Wall, American str., 3,729 tons, Capt. E. J. Anderson, from San Francisco, Stonecutters Anchorage.—State S.S. Co.

Laomedon, British str., 4,260 tons, Capt. A. J. Watson, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6.—B. & S.

Lyceum, British str., 1,734 tons, Capt. E. Holmes, from Hoihow, buoy No. B24.—Kwong Nam & Co.

Malwa, British str., 5,979 tons, Capt. P. O. Britten, from London, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Malayan Prince, British str., 3,656 tons, Capt. H. Uncles, from Shanghai, buoy No. A8.—Furness (Far East), Ltd.

President McKinley, American str., 8,400 tons, Capt. R. E. Carry, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—A.M.L.

Seattle, American str., 5,451 tons, Capt. H. Kleen, from Kobe, buoy No. A12.—States S.S. Co.

Somerville, Norwegian str., 2,523 tons, Capt. Kaltenborn, from Manila, buoy No. B16.—Thoresen & Co.

Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons, Capt. J. S. G. Brown, from Swatow, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Tonjer, Norwegian str., 1,949 tons, Capt. H. Rasmussen, from Chinwangtao, buoy No. B25.—Doddwell & Co.

Toyo Maru No. 1, Japanese str., 1,309 tons, Capt. G. Hayakawa, from Port Redon, Yumati Anchorage.—D.K.K.

Wing Wo, Portuguese str., 495 tons, Capt. I. D. de Lemos, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

Wong Shek Kung, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. A. Laipovet, from Saigon, buoy No. C1.—Kung Chung & Co.

Yamagata Maru, Japanese str., 3,807 tons, Capt. C. Sakurai, from Katsuh, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Yingchow, British str., 1,216 tons, Capt. W. Mackenzie, from Saigon, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Stone, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Cote, Mr. and Mrs. Millard, Miss McGrath, Maj. W. Soames, Mr. Deuchon.

Per s.s. Comorin on January 29:—
Mr. A. Pinson, Mr. and Mrs. Beale, Mr. J. Marco, Mr. W. Simpson, Capt. Balch, Mrs. Weill, children and nurse, Mr. A. Hanson, Mr. G. Hubbard, Miss Ribbe, Mr. McEwan, Baron C. de Pidoll, Wrt. E. Powell, Mr. A. Steptoe, Mr. H. Off, Appleford, Mr. Marshall, Sir B. Thompson, Sir T. Allen, Mr. J. Bell, Mr. W. Crowther, Lt. Col. Morcam, Mrs. Morcam, Dr. S. Briggs, Mr. J. Wild, Mr. St. Quintin, Mr. F. Barnes, Mr. E. Duxbury, Mr. Birchenough, Mr. J. Edmundson, Mr. C. Green, Mr. A. Reles, Mr. A. Morcam, Mr. E. Guttery.

SHIPPING SCHEME.

AMERICAN AND CHINESE CO-OPERATION.

Nanking, Yesterday.
It is reported that American shipping concerns have approached the Communications Ministry with a proposal to form a Sino-American shipping company.

American owners will furnish the steamers, hoist the Chinese flag, and operate services along the present or new routes, according to the decision of the Government.

The Ministry is reported to be willing to negotiate, with a stipulation that China's sovereignty be respected and the Government's shipping regulations be observed.—Reuter.

EASTERN PORTS.

DETAILS OF EPIDEMIC DISEASES.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended January 24, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases:—

Plague.
Bagdad: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Bombay: 1 case, 1 death.
Rangoon: 2 cases, 1 death.
Colombo: 1 case, 1 death.
Bangkok: 4 cases, 4 deaths.
Pnom-Penh: 3 cases, 3 deaths.

Cholera.
Bombay: 1 case, 3 deaths.
Calcutta: 29 cases, 19 deaths.
Madras: 11 deaths.
Pondicherry: 4 cases, 3 deaths.
Pnom-Penh: 1 case.

Small-pox.
Basrah: 1 case.
Calcutta: 28 cases, 22 deaths.
Cochin: 6 cases.
Madras: 7 cases, 2 deaths.
Moulmein: 2 cases.
Pnom-Penh: 1 case.
Saigon: 1 case.
Shanghai: 4 deaths.

CHURCHES

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

February 1, Septuagesima Sunday.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8 a.m.
Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Choral Eucharist and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.
Evening, 6 p.m.
Preacher: The Dean.
Social Evening in Cathedral Hall after Evening.

UNION CHURCH, Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.

Sunday, February 1, 1931.
Morning Worship, 11 o'clock Broadest.
Evening Worship, 6 o'clock.
Followed by Social Hour, Broadest at 8 p.m.
Sunday Schools: Kennedy Road at 10 a.m. and Talkoo at 3 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. E. G. Powell.

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Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 o'clock.
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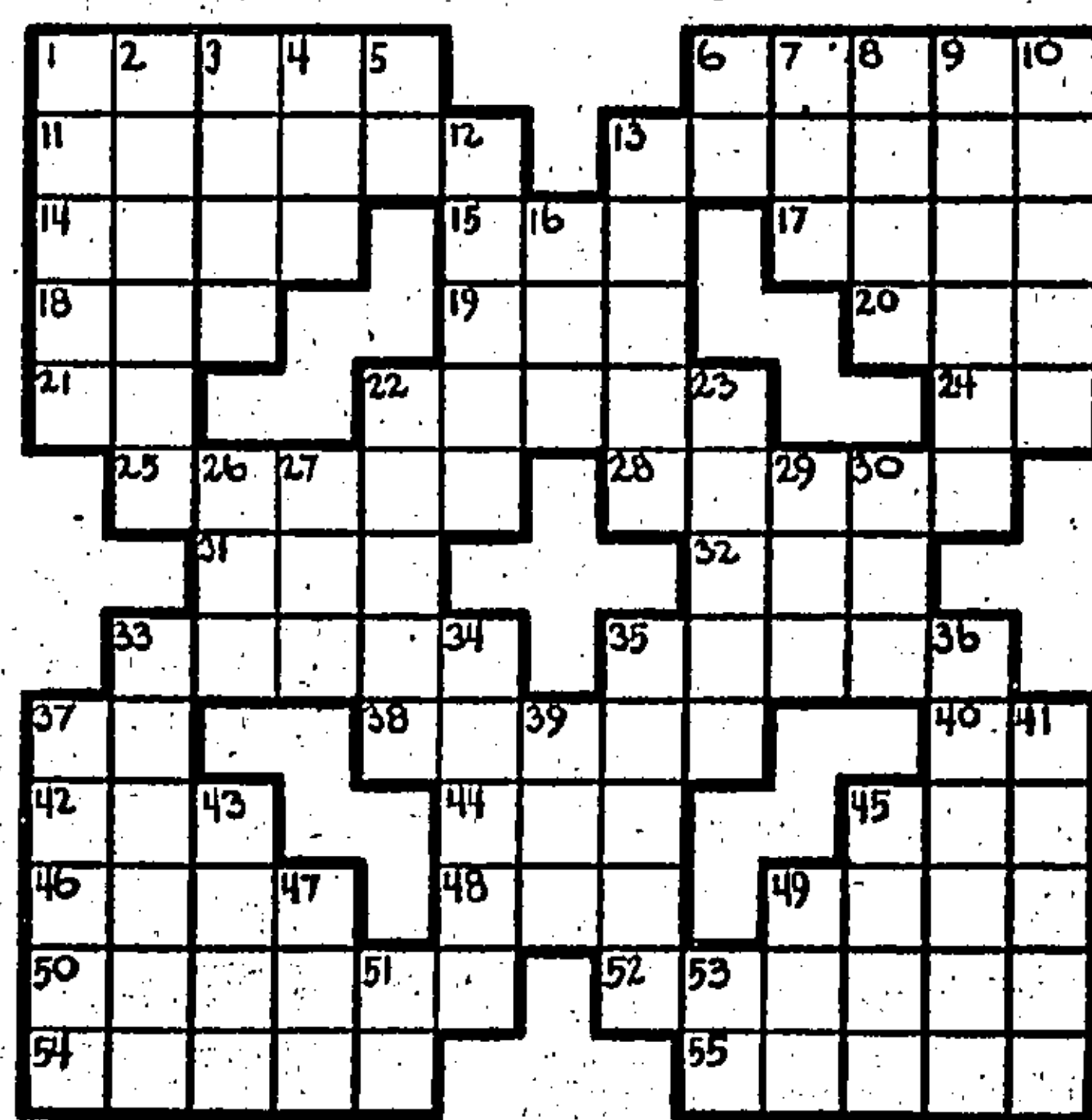
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-To remain upright | 44-A title in Portugal | 16-Old's name |
| 6-Substantial | 45-A resting place | 22-Satisfies the |
| 11-Outpouring of | 46-To load | 41-Manages a |
| 12-Sally | 48-Purpose | 42-An object of |
| 13-Approach to a mine | 49-Turkish magistrate | 43-Large bundle of |
| 14-Large moving | 50-A youth beloved by | 44-Negative |
| 15-Wagon | 51-Venus | 45-Small-bod. |
| 17-A fresh-water fish | 52-Vexes | 46-My lady (fr.) |
| 18-Free from | 53-Unlaced | 47-Soft drink (pl.) |
| 19-Highest mountain | | 48-A subject or theme |
| 20-Edge | | 49-for verse |
| 21-Symbol for | | 50-A country of Europe |
| 22-Wide heackle | | 51-Pertaining to the |
| 23-Till sale (abbr.) | | 52-French for king |
| 24-Scaport in Morocco | | 53-Manages a |
| 25-Ancient weapon | | 54-novels |
| 26-To allow | | 55-An object of |
| 27-Cry of the dove | | 56-Large bundle of |
| 28-Pairs | | 57-Negative |
| 29-Lithuanian | | 58-Small-bod. |
| 30-Musical note | | 59-My lady (fr.) |
| 31-Raw places | | 60-A compass point |
| 32-Personal pronoun | | 61-What the cow chews |
| 33-Mohammedan | | 62-Exists |
| 34-Proper name | | 63-A central State of |
| | | U. S. (abbr.) |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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*PERIM	7,848	10th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KASHGAR	9,005	14th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
MALWA	10,980	28th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*ALIPORE	5,273	3rd Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KHIVA	9,135	7th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KHYBER	9,111	14th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*SOMALI	9,111	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KARMALA	9,135	11th Apr.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*RAJPUTANA	16,619	25th Apr.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*SOUDAN	9,111	2nd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KALYAN	9,111	9th May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
COMORIN	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,005	6th June	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RANPURA	16,619	20th June	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KHYBER	9,111	1st Aug.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*RAJPUTANA	16,619	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,135	29th Aug.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
CATHAY	15,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KALYAN	9,111	26th Sept.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.

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TILAWA	10,000	17th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SANTHIA	7,754	1st Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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TAKADA	9,940	8th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,111	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	9,111	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
SANTHIA	7,754	10th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
KARMALA	9,135	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOUDAN	9,111	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	16,619	7th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELORE	6,956	14th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	9,940	21st Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KALYAN	9,111	28th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	5th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,956	19th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALAMBA	8,018	26th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	16,619	2nd June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	9th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	16th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	23rd June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,111	30th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELORE	6,956	7th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	16,619	14th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMALA	9,135	21st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will
be broadcast to-day from the
Hong Kong Broadcasting Station
Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355
metres:—

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11.30 p.m.—European Pro-
gramme of Columbia Records kind-
ly supplied by Messrs. Anderson
Music Co.

7-7.27 p.m.—Mother Goose Suite.
Walter Damrosch Conduction.
The New York Symphony
Orchestra (9516-8).

7.27-8 p.m.—Variety.
Humorous Duet—
Come on Baby.
S'posin'.....Trix Sisters (5584).

Novelty Song—
What's His Name?
Tommy Handley at the Piano
(5645).

Humorous Song—
The Man Who Broke the Bank at
Monte Carlo.
Charles Coburn (5665).

Quartette—
The Old Saw (Traditional).
Gotham Comedy Quartette
(77).

Entertainer—
The Nut Brown Ale of England.
In My Young Days.
Ernest Hastings (5642).

Humorous Monologue—
Domestic Blisters.
Billy Bennett (9105).

8-8.27 p.m.—Musical Comedy.
The Belle of New York—Selections
(Kerker).

The Regimental Band of
H.M. Grenadier Guards
(9192).

Mercenary Mary—Vocal Gems
(Conrad & Ellis).
Columbia Vocal Gem Chorus
(5067).

Lady Be Good—Selections
(Gershwin).
The 1925 Orchestra (9100).

8.27-9.30 p.m.—A Concert.
Orchestral—
Whispering Pines (Byrne).
Bournemouth Municipal
Orchestra (5683).

Song—
Lullaby (Christina Rossetti &
Cyril Scott).
Black Bird's Song (Marriot Watson
& Cyril Scott).
Gertrude Johnson, Soprano
(5611).

Octet—
Song of the Waterfall (Squire).
Scent of the Jasmine (Squire).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet
(107).

Song—
A Bit, a Saddle and a Horse
(Sievier & Brownsmith).
Raymond Newell, Baritone
(5612).

Octet—
Funeral March of a Marionette
(Gounod) arr. Squire.
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet
(5607).

Duet—
The Magic Flute—The Manly Heart
(Mozart).
Miriam Licata and Dennis
Noble (5603).

Piano Solo—
Rosenkavalier—Fantasy on Love
Themes (Strauss arr. Grainger).
Percy Grainger (28).

Quartette—
I Know of Two Bright Eyes
(Clutsam).
Meet Me by Moonlight (Batten).
Dennis Noble, Norman Allen,
Hubert Elsdell and Heddle
Nash (5620).

Violin Solo—
Running Set—Selection of Airs &
Folk (arr. C. Sharp).
Elsie Avril.

Pipe & Taber—
a. Ladies' Pleasure.
b. None So Pretty.
Joan Sharp (227).

Song—
I'm a Friar of Orders Grey
(Reeve).
Drinking (Traditional).
Malcolm McEachern, Bass
(174).

Octet—
Moonbeams and Shadows (Squire).
Melody (Dawes).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet
(5639).

9.30-11.30 p.m.—Dance Pro-
gramme.
Fox Trot—
Wonder.
Where Can You Be?.....(2241).

Shore Leave.
Port Hole Blues.....(2242).
Shout Sister Shout!
If I Could Be With You.....(2243).

Waiting My Love on You,
Wedding Bells are Ringing
for Sally.....(2244).

Fox Trot—
If I Had a Girl Like You,
Ro-Ro-Rollin' A-Long.....(2211).

Comedy Fox Trot—
Micky Mouse.
The World's Greatest Sweetheart
is You.....(5740).

Can This Be Love,
Three Little Words.....(2317).
It's a Great Life.
Always in All Ways.....(2318).

Loving You,
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Fox Trot—
I Wonder How It Feels.
What's the Use?.....(2264).

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rent.

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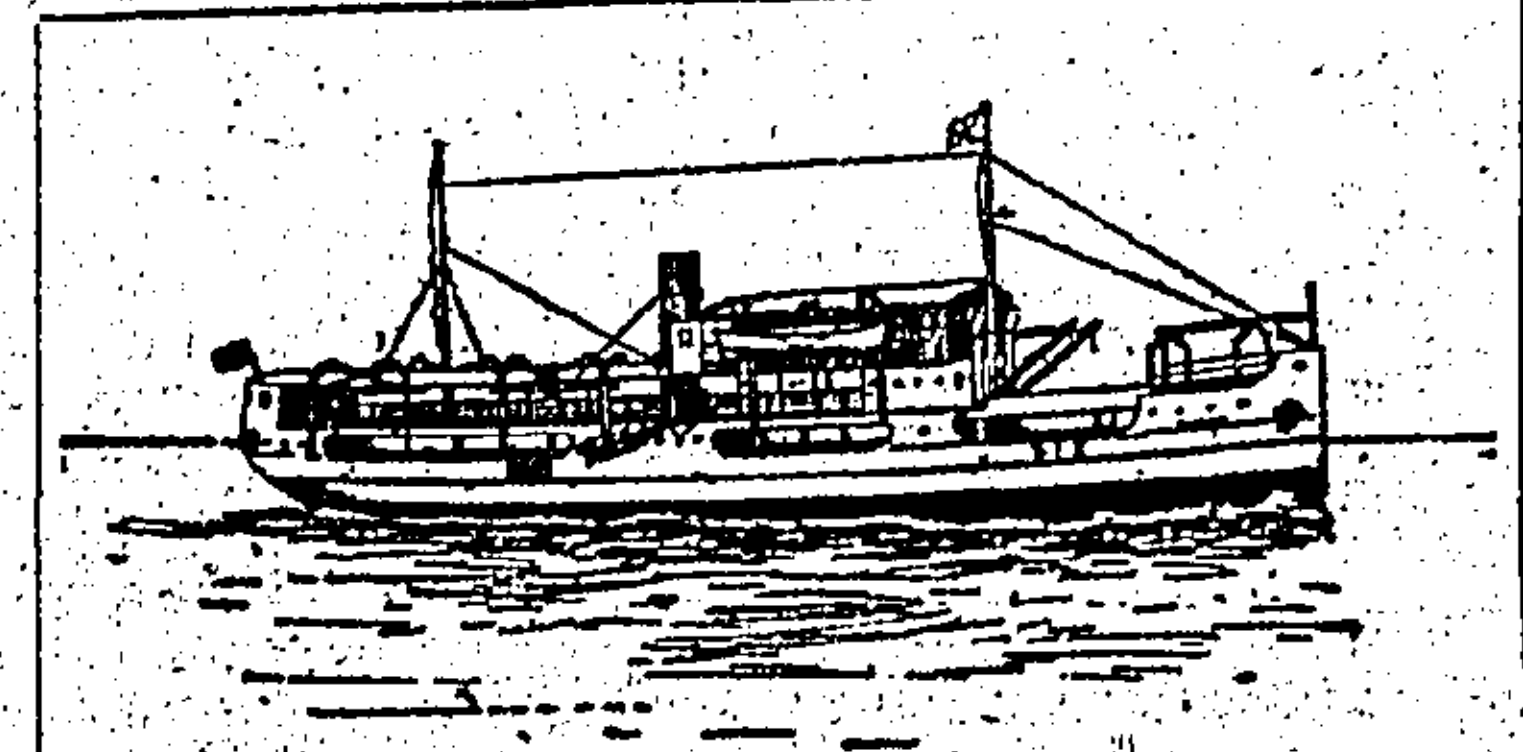
Rome, Dec. 13.
Vatican quarters are most in-
dignant at the reports from Jeru-
salem that the British mandate
authorities have ordered repairs
to the historic grotto at Beth-
lehem, which is one of the holy
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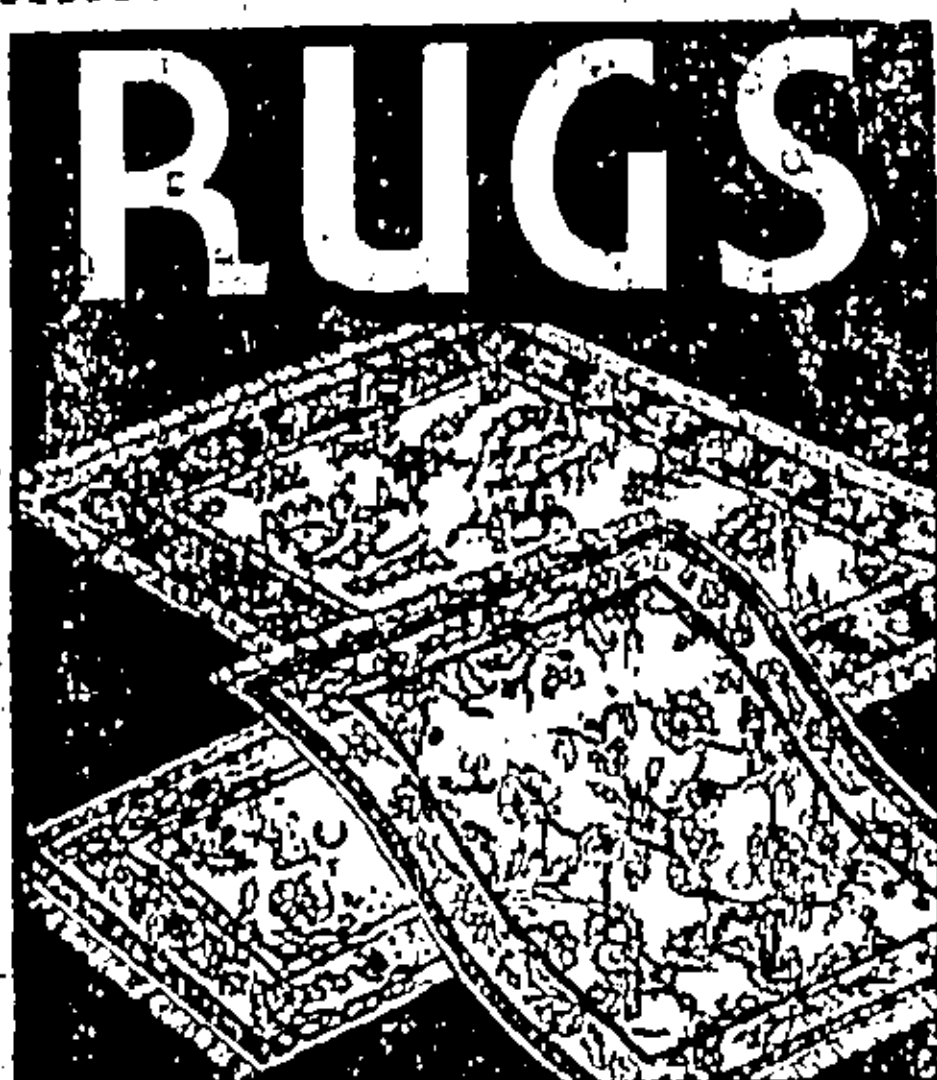
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Hong Kong, Saturday, Jan. 31, 1931.

ADVERSARIA.

"Without fear, favour or malice."

I've a lot to explain
A Lot To this week, reader
Explain. In *locom*
primum, I am con-
stantly being badgered to divulge
the identity of "Audax." "Who
is it?" people snarl, growl, and
whisper, annoyed because they
have been omitted from the gild-
ed gossip of our local aristoc-
racy, and fretful if they haven't.
Well, I am not going to tell you,
s'there! Guess dear people,

guess.
"Until those around you
"Are guessing, too,
"And blaming it on you."
(*Rud. Kip*).

As a matter of fact, "Audax"
and I are very old friends. We
first met in Ireland, and have
been meeting ever since. He (or
she) came into my office the
other day. "Like a bit of
scandal?" he (or she) tittered.
My ears parachuted like a rab-
bit's. "Shoot!" I said, clutching
the bowl of my pipe in anticipa-
tion.

What I heard would make a
confessor blush. You can't think
what goes on in Hong Kong, yew
cawn't reely. On the Peak, too,
—of all places! For instance, did
you know that Mrs. — had
tea with Mr. — the other
day? That Miss — slapped
Mr. —'s face and said "Oh,
yew are a one, yew are?" That
Mrs. — was seen arm in arm
with a soldier on Kellett Road?
That Mr. — has lost a lot of
money and is on the verge of
bankruptcy? That Mr. —
hasn't been to Oxford at all, and
that he is suffering from a delu-
sion? That Mrs. — said to
her husband on the Peak tram
the other day "I hope yew've
washed your face, dear?" That
Mr. — won't retire until he
gets a title, which will be "not in
our time, O Lord?" That Mr.
— was so drunk the other
night that he failed to recognise
his wife when she said, "Oh,
Willie, who is this woman?" That

Mr. — is developing corns
through walking outside his wife's
bedroom every night? That Mr.
— never shaves on Sunday
and doesn't go out till after
dark? That Miss — locks
her bedroom door each night at a
local hotel? That Mr. —
spent a night in the police cells
last week?

(Here endeth the first part).

"Audax," I said sternly, when
I had recovered my breath, "You
can't publish all this, you can't
possibly."

"Why not?" calmly asked the
apparition, crossing its legs. "My
dear man (or woman)," I ex-
postulated, "It may be true,
Vincit veritas, and all that sort of
thing, (eyeing the motto on my
crest), but its sheer libel, abso-
lutely."

"Well," said he (or she), "I
shall unless you promise on your
word of honour (here he or she
drew a gory finger across his or
her throat) not to give me away."
I promised.

"They think," he (or she)
added, in a triumphant burst of
scorn, "That they know. They
even suspected you! But they
shall never find out. Nevah!"
With a dramatic flourish he (or
she) vanished from my ken.

Have you ever hand-
led a Tale of a Pick? Aha, I
of Woe. thought not! Those
lily fingers of yours

No blisters shall burden those
flabby palms; no mud shall stain
the roseate flush of those un-
cubited nails, nor shall your back
bend over anything more formid-
able than a bunker. You should
try nothing so demoralising as
labore pickum. I did, on the Sab-
bath too, and as a consequence
am not half the man that I was.
My back feels like O'Tattie's head
after St. Patrick's Night—throbb-
ing like the fifth sympathy in
"G Major," aching like the heart
of Naomi, creaking like a wicker
basket every time I bend.

In happened in this wise. Tiffin
half-digested, I was essaying a
lyric on a vegetable theme (car-
rots being the motif) when I
heard the sound of voices in the
garden. Could I resist the sound
of such rural pleasures? Indeed,
no. I hurried down and volun-
teered to help. The pick was
heavier than I had ever imagined
a pick could be. I could hardly
pick it up, let alone raise it on
high and bring it down like one
of my favourite "mashie" shots.
It stuck every time (as my type-
writer is apt to do) and when I
tried to pull it out I invariably
fell flat on my stomach. With
becoming modesty I began to
realise that I was not after all
any more successful with the pick
than with the pen. It stuck as
badly as words sometimes do, and
no amount of expletives would
make it easier. Damp, and
angry, nauseated by the honest
toil of which your true Briton is
so proud, (albeit, from a dis-
tance), I sat down on a heap of
manure and looked, I am sure,
picture of abject misery.

I had been trying, you must
know, to persuade a solid piece of
concrete to disengage its embrace
with Ceres Mater. The pick
was chipped and bent; I had ruin-
ed a beautiful Honolulu creeper,
and there were blisters on my
hands the size of hotel

sausages. Then up came the
owner of the garden, gave me a
grateful smile, and inserted a
piece of wood under the concrete
block. With the slightest lever-
age it came out of the ground
as easily as a Civil Servant slips
from his desk at one o'clock.

"Quite easily done," chuckled
the conqueror, quoting a forgot-
ten ode of Euclid's. In my rage,
I felt like breaking the pick
across my knee, and only the
consideration that I might have
broken my knee over the pick
in the process deterred me from
this display of mock heroics.

"Anyhow," I said with disdain,
"Your pick is a clumsy, unclean
instrument," and I returned to
my *chambre d'écriture*, there to
bespatter my fingers with the
juice of Cerebus.

With an im-
After a Night ported thistle
Wi Burns, dangle from
his mouth, and
one hand jingling sixpences in
his trousers pocket, McDoodle
stood in the Club, a forlorn Celt
if ever ye saw one. Ay, I hae
ma doots if iver ye hae seen sich
a puir, miserable lookin' creature in
evening dress.

"Whur ye bin, Jock?" I asked
him, affecting a Scots accent
that I dinna possess, (not being
wan, ye onnerstand?)

"Och, laddie," he growled, try-
ing not to look ashamed o' hisel,
"I dinna quite remember, ye ken,
but I think it was Burns' Night."
He swayed with emotion at the
thought of the poet and quoted:
"A man-sic — a man-sic — a
man-sic —

"Och, ay—a man-sic—is a
man—
"Is a puir, wee-sic-mourr-ntain
"Mouss—sic-for a' that-sic."

"Isht it,?" he cried fiercely,
jerkng out his chin so that the
whiskers stood out like bayonets.
"Ay, Jock, ay," I told him.
"But I thocht Burns' Night was
on Saturday?"
"Was a' d'ramarwithat?" he
cried. "To-day's only Monday.
We never finish celebrating Burns
ye ken?" He drew me into a
corner. "I ken what ye're think-
ing, but ye're wrang! I'm as
sober as an Aberdonian wha's
had his salary redooed. Why,
mon, I've only been drinking for
twenty-four hours. Cle a mon
a chance!"

It is not only
A Court coat that makes the
Slighted man, it is also the
trousers, according

to the views of a Taiping Magis-
trate who refused to take the
evidence of a European planter
in Court the other day because
the witness was wearing an un-
buttoned shirt and khaki shorts.
The cad's remark was "This is a
Court of Law. I will not take
your evidence unless you come
properly dressed," on which the
planter went home and returned,
dressed up like a wedding cake.
The Court then officially "saw"
him, and British justice was
allowed to proceed.

The dignity of British law
Must never be forgotten,
And though our clothes are
such a bore

To drop them is verboten.
The Bench and Bar oft disagree
In judgment on society,
But you can take a tip from
me—

They're down on impropriety.
So bring your trousers to the
Court
Your shirt and eek your braces,
Consider that your never ought
To sport what'er disgraces.
And if you must be "seen" by
those

Whose duty is to judge you,
Bedeck yourself in pretty
clothes

That Bond Street would be-
grudge you.
But never in a careless mood
Appear in birthday dresses.
The Magistrate might think it
rude,
As if (I must confess) I s—

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programme appealed to a large au-
dience who fully appreciated the
sterling quality of the singing.

"The Bells of St. Michael's Tower"
was again beautifully rendered,
while the sailor shanties by Mr.
Albert Greene and chorus evoked
hearty applause. "Fire Down Be-
low" being very amusing.

Master Knox Godfrey deserved
great credit for his wonderful sing-
ing of that old Irish Air "The Last
Rose of Summer," with the accom-
paniment of voices.
By special request the West-
minster Glee Singers will give an
extra performance on Wednesday at
8.15 p.m.

News in Brief.

Major General J. W. Sandilands
returned to the Colony yesterday by
the s.s. President McKinlay. He
was accompanied by Capt. D. R. M.
Cameron.

The total output of the Kailan
Mining Administration's mines for
the week ended January 17,
amounted to 126,756 tons, and the
sales to 78,405 tons.

A tea party in honour of Sir Wil-
liam Hornell is being given by
members of the University Union
in the Great Hall of the University
on Friday at 4.30 p.m.

For having possession of eight
tels of raw opium at Reclamation
Street Li So, a fruit hawker was
fined \$240 or six weeks' at the
Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The forthcoming marriage is an-
nounced of Kenneth Chan, manager
of the Bank of East Asia, Kowloon,
and residing at 39, Conduit Road,
Hong Kong, to Jasmine Wong, of
Ching Sha To, Pokfulam.

The names of Mr. Joseph William
Barnes, M.B., B.S. (Hong Kong),
13 Chatham Road, and Carlos
Engenlo da Rosa, M.B., B.S. (Hong
Kong) have been added to the
Register of Medical Practitioners.

His Excellency the Governor has
appointed Mr. Roland Arthur
Charles North to act as Secretary
for Chinese Affairs during the
absence on leave of Mr. Alan
Eustace Wood, with effect from
January 31.

Sir Merrick Hewlett, H. M.
Consul-General at Nanking, accom-
panied by Lady Hewlett and their
daughter, arrived yesterday. They
are going Home on leave in the
P. and O. S. Comorin and expect
to be back in October. In the
meantime Mr. G. S. Moss will act
for Sir Merrick Hewlett in
Nanking.

A further adjournment was given
yesterday in the case against Feng
Ping, who is charged with assaulting
a Chinese doctor, Wong Sik-yuen at
No. 60 Leichikok Road, on March
27, 1929, with intent to rob, and
with having two pistols and two
daggers in his possession, Mr.
Butters fixed the hearing for
February 19.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BANKRUPTCY OF
HONG KONG.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]
Sir,—The Legislative Council has
declared the Colony bankrupt by
repudiating its sterling contracts
with its officers and compelling
them to accept a composition.

I should be glad if any reader
could and would inform me how the
following firms are dealing with
their gold service contracts:—
Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation.
Chartered Bank.
Mercantile Bank.
Union Insurance Society of
Canton.

Butterfield & Swire.
Asiatic Petroleum Co.
Standard Oil Co. of New York.
British American Tobacco Co.
Hong Kong Electric Co.

The Government's service con-
tracts can only be a small part of
the expected Budget deficiency.
Will the Government tell the Colony
whether it can rely on the Govern-
ment paying 100 cents to the dollar
on other contracts? And will its
Chinese Officers get 100 cents to
the dollar on their pay?

Yours, etc.,
CALL A SPADE A SPADE—
AND A QUID A QUID.

Hong Kong Jan. 30.

SALARIES CUT.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]

Sir,—In view of the statement
made H.E. the Governor at the
Legislative Council meeting on
January 29, that a decline of one
penny in the value of the dollar
would cost the Colony one million
dollars, and that this amount could
be saved by cutting the salaries 12
per cent. will H.E. assure the Colony
that for every penny the dollar de-
clines he will cut the salaries?

This seems to be the only way to
save the Colony from financial ruin.
The Civil Servants have no re-
dress. They are unable to do more
than mildly petition for justice.
To an ordinary member of the
public it seems perfectly equitable
that the extra taxation necessary,
owing to the fall of the dollar,
should be borne gently by the
Civil Servants, and that the public
who employ them should be left to
enjoy their incomes and salaries
without tax. This should be es-
pecially appreciated by the many
thousands in the Colony who enjoy
all the privileges of British justice
and draw large incomes without
having to pay Income-tax or taxes
on unearned income, or, in fact,
anything like a quarter of the
taxes paid by the residents of

Great Britain for the same pro-
tection and services.

Could you, Mr. Editor, inform
the public what amount would
accrue to the revenue of the
Colony from an unearned Income-
tax and a graduated Income-tax
equal to the British one would
bring in.

I have been informed that fifty
million dollars per year is a very
conservative estimate. It is easily
understood that such taxes would
fall upon the shoulders of those
who are well able to bear them and
that the loyalty of the wealthy
members of the public could never
be questioned. That they have not
already suggested these taxes can
only be due to an oversight on
their part and that they will at once
come forward to turn the Budget
deficit into an enormous credit
balance is the earnest hope of.

Yours, etc.,

PRO HONO PUBLICO.

Hong Kong, Jan. 30.

FRENCH CABINET.

CHAMBER PASS A VOTE OF
CONFIDENCE.

Paris, Yesterday.
The Chamber to-day passed a
vote of confidence in the Laval
Cabinet by 312 votes to 258.—
Reuter.

Another Report.

Paris, Yesterday.
After reading a Ministerial
Declaration and interpellations
the general politic chamber voted
its confidence in the Government
by 312 to 258.—Havas.

TAX ON YARN.

NEW RATES FIXED BY
NANKING.

Nanking, Yesterday.
According to a Nanking report,
the new taxes on cotton yarn,
matches and cement will be as fol-
lows:

Cotton yarn.—\$2.75 on every 100
catties with 23 threads; \$3.75 on
every 100 catties above 23 threads;
5 per cent. on the value of others.

Matches.—\$5 on every case con-
sisting of 7,200 boxes of matches,
each not to exceed 75 sticks, and
each stick not longer than 4.3 c.m.;

\$7.50 on every case consisting of
7,200 boxes of matches, each not to
exceed 100 sticks and each stick
not longer than 5.2 c.m.; \$10 on
every case consisting of 7,200 boxes
of matches, each exceeding 100
sticks and each stick longer than
5.2 c.m.

Cement.—60 cents on every bar-
rel; weighing 380 pounds; a pro-
portional tax on those weighing less
or more than 380 pounds.

"Tung Shui" tax is to be imposed
on foreign imports of the above
commodities, besides the payment
of imported duty.—Canton News
Agency.

FINANCIAL CRISIS.

SERIOUS SITUATION IN
CHICAGO.

Chicago, Yesterday.
While denying reports that Chi-
cago is in serious monetary diffi-
culties, officials admit that the Mu-
nicipality is again facing a financial
crisis, rendering payment of city
employees' salaries impossible. Mat-
ters are expected to come to a head
on February 9, when tax anticipa-
tion warrants will be offered for
sale.

The Strawn Committee, which
last year came to the rescue, by
raising \$74,000,000 now declares
that banking interests will not sup-
port tax anticipation loans, unless
the system of tax collection be sim-
plified.—Reuter's American Ser-
vice.

The present value of farm pro-
duction in Quebec Province is about
\$20,000,000 and the value of field
crops alone about \$130,000,000, ac-
cording to Antonio Grenier, Deputy
Minister of Agriculture, who adds,
however, that "some fertile dis-
tricts still grow hay when other
crops would bring greater re-
turns." Dairying is reported to
be the most profitable industry in
the province, with an annual output
valued at \$76,000,000.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
January 31, 1921.]

To-day's dollars is worth 2/7
8/16.

It is understood that negotiations
have been opened on behalf of the
Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Associa-
tion with a view to inducing the
victorious American Davis Cup
team to play in Hong Kong on their
way Home from Australia. Tilden,
Washington and Hardy are expected
to play a Singapore, Manila, and
Shanghai also. Johnson will not
call.

ERA OF TALKING PICTURES.

Western Electric Sound Systems.

SERVICE OFFICE HERE.

Years before any one visualised the talking pictures as a world wide entertainment, the engineers and chemists of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, the largest research organisation in the world devoted to the development of the voice transmission and which is jointly owned by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Western Electric Company, were experimenting with the possibilities of synchronising sight and sound.

Their labour found its first reward when the Warner Bros. presented on August 6, 1926, John Barrymore in "Don Juan" and Will H. Hays, Anna Case, Mischka Elman, Martinelli, Zimbalist and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in short subjects. Subsequently the presentation of Al Jolson in the Jazz Singer and also in the Singing Fool, established without a doubt the future of talking pictures and resulted in the transition of motion pictures from the silent form to the talking variety.

The first sound and talking films were recorded over Western Electric Sound Systems, the system developed in the Bell Laboratories and the first theatres in which the pictures were heard were also equipped with Western Electric Reproducing Systems.

Within a short period the leading makers of movies have signed definite contracts to make talking pictures by the Western Electric System exclusively.

Warner Bros., who had pioneered with the disc method of recording and reproducing were the first. Fox Pictures, which had been experimenting with a film method of recording and reproducing were the next to sign. In short order, Paramount, Universal, United Artists, Metro-Goldwyn, First National, Columbia, Hal Roach, Metropolitan Studios and Sono Art took out licenses to use this system. Together these producers



"No, Sir, the editor's not in."
"Well, I wonder if you would mind putting this poem in the waste-paper basket for me?"
Aussie, Sydney.

represent about 85 per cent. of Hollywood's annual output of feature films.

Britain and Continent.
Some time later the British and Dominion Co., Elstree, England, the "Les Studios Paramount" (Kane Studios), France, and the Braunberger-Richebe Studios, Billancourt, France, signed contracts for making films over Western Electric Recording Equipment, also the British Movietone News, Paramount, His Masters Voice Co. and Columbia Graphophone use Western Electric Recording equipment in England.

The recording equipment for the "Les Studios Paramount" was installed in an old chateau built by Chevalier de Bercy in Louis XIV reign. This was taken over by Robert T. Kane, who ordered the first Western Electric equipment in Continental Europe. The pictures are made in many languages: French, Swedish, Polish, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Czech-Slovakian, Hungarian and German and from out of this multi-lingual whirlpool there is a steady stream of pictures that go all over Europe.

Western Electric Sound Systems are manufactured at the 211 acre Hawthorne Works of the Western Electric Company, Chicago.

This company has for 50 years made the equipment for the associated companies of the Bell Telephone Systems and it is the worlds largest organisation devoted to the manufacture of voice transmission apparatus.

The uniformity of quality, which is a feature of Western Electric Sound Systems, has been made possible by highly standardized development and manufacture and to-day there are over 7,500 theatres throughout the world using Western Electric Sound Reproducing Systems. Of this total there are 5,000 in U.S.A., over 1,000 in Britain, over 300 in Canada, and over 300 in Australia, over 200 in Europe and over 100 in New Zealand.

Theatres in Hong Kong.
There are 11 theatres equipped in Shanghai, 2 in Canton, 1 in

Amoy, 1 in Hankow, 1 in Tientsin, 1 in Peking, and three in Hong Kong. The three theatres equipped in Hong Kong are: Queen's, Central, and the Majestic Theatres. The Queen's Theatre opened in November, 1929, the Central in June, 1930, and the Majestic in October 1930. The new theatre in Queen's Road, the King's, has already signed for a Western Electric Sound system.

Western Electric Sound Systems throughout the world are serviced by engineers specially trained for their work and it is through this staff that the equipment maintains its smooth and uninterrupted operation after the installation. The service staff have two duties: one, to forestall as far as possible equipment troubles by periodic inspections and two, to remedy trouble when it does occur, in as brief a space of time as possible.

How effective the first duty is has been evidenced by statistics. Out of 95,000 performances given weekly over Western Electric Sound Systems, the programme interruptions at the present time number less than one tenth of one per cent. In the case of emergency there is a service man within half an hour's journey of half the Western Electric equipped theatres in the U.S.A. and even the isolated theatres have a service man within a day's journey. In China we have a service man available within half an hour's journey.

The Electrical Research Products Inc. which is the distribution company for the Western Electric Sound Systems in U.S.A. have replaced 1,470 of various kinds of equipment in the theatres with Western Electric reproducing equipment, and at the present time one-half of our installations are replacements of equipments that either reproduced inadequately or were not supported by the necessary acoustic advice to provide the best possible reproduction. Lacking a nation wide service staff, some were unable to assure uninterrupted operation or to maintain repairs with the minimum of delay by having an adequate supply of replacement parts throughout the world.

Educational Films.
The Western Electric Company have a small portable equipment for use in connection with educational and advertising films.

There are several films now available and many more are being made, they are: Professor Mearns' philosophy of child life and education, "The Creative Approach to Education," "The Study of Infant Behaviour" by Dr. Arnold Gesell of the Yale University, "Accomplishment Tests for Babies" by Dr. Charlotte Buhler of the Psychology Institute in Vienna, and a sound picture demonstrating the technique of mental testing by Mrs. Ina-Craig Sartorius, and problems of teaching methods by Dr. W. H. Kilpatrick and many others by specialists in various sciences.

The Electrical Research Products Inc., in the U.S.A. have equipped over 100 broadcasting stations with equipment designed to play ordinary phonograph records and also the discs as used for sound-on-discs productions. These discs are 16 inches wide, they revolve at 33.1/3rd revs. per minute and will play for 10 minutes.

No Extraneous Sounds.
The Western Electric New Process Noiseless Recording, considered the greatest advance in its field in the last four years, is the Electrical Research Products Inc. (Subsidiary of the Western Electric Co. for the distribution of Western Electric Sound Systems), latest contribution to the art of talking pictures. It is a system for recording that eliminates all extraneous sounds, hissing, and scratching noises.

The new process was developed in the Electrical Research Products Inc. West Coast Laboratories and the first picture produced utilizing it is Paramount's "The Right to Love," starring Ruth Chatterton.

The development of this new process is the result of many years work on the part of the sound engineers of the B.T.L. and E.R.P.I. to eliminate the "ground noises" which have marred the enjoyment of talking pictures. Now it is possible to record and reproduce the slightest of sounds without having them "masked" or covered up by these extraneous, hissing and scratching noises. Every syllable of even the softest spoken words, whispering and sobbing become clearly audible. This new method of recording has increased the range of volume in recording and reproducing and a number of the principal producers are already equipping their studios to take advantage of the improvement. The new method requires some additional equipment and changes in the present recording equipment and it requires a higher standard of developing and printing films than the already existing technique of sound pictures demands.

The reproducing equipment in the theatres will likewise demand most careful listening and maintenance. (Continued at foot of next column)

COLONY'S CENSUS OF 1931.

Why Saturday, March 7, Was Fixed.

NO ULTERIOR MOTIVE.

It will have been observed that a Bill has recently been introduced in the Legislative Council of the Colony entitled "An Ordinance to make provision for taking from time to time a Census of the Colony." New regulations governing the taking of a Census will also shortly be made and a Census Order will be promulgated by His Excellency the Governor in Council directing that a Census of the population of Hong Kong shall be taken on the night of March 7, 1931.

This is the usual decennial Census, the last census having been taken in Hong Kong on April 24, 1921, and it is expected that a Census will be taken in every part of the British Empire in the course of this Spring. It is not possible to have the Census taken on the same day throughout the Empire though it is aimed that there should be as short a period as possible between the dates chosen, in the several parts of the Empire. April 26 is the date fixed for the United Kingdom.

Local Considerations.
Local considerations, however, have caused an earlier date to be chosen in Hong Kong, namely, March 7. Chinese New Year's Day falls on February 17 and the great Tsing Ming Festival on April 6. It was desirable to have the date of the Census some time after the New Year so that business conditions should be as nearly normal as possible and to leave two to three weeks intervening before Tsing Ming when it is the duty of every Chinese adult male to return, if he can, to his native village to worship at his ancestral tombs. It was decided therefore that the first 10 days of March were likely to prove most suitable and Saturday, March 7, was chosen.

One of the most important factors in the success of a Census is the attitude of the people to it. It is imperative that the sympathy and co-operation of the whole population should be enlisted so far as is possible or at worst that any misgiving or resentment at the apparent inquisitiveness of Government should be dispelled. The law provides penalties against non-co-operation or any obstructive tactics that may be employed by individuals but it is earnestly hoped that it will never be necessary to invoke the assistance of the law but that each and every individual will assist to their utmost.

Stimulating Interest.
In order to stimulate interest in the Census a few articles will appear from time to time in the China Mail and Sunday Herald. The material for these articles has been provided by the Superintendent of Census who has opened an office on the second floor of the Mercantile Bank Building. No originality is claimed for these articles and the Superintendent acknowledges his indebtedness to several sources—Elite's History of Hong Kong, the Census Report of the Commonwealth of Australia for the Year, 1911, and various Census reports and other publications of Hong Kong and other Colonies.

It seems desirable to impress on every one at the beginning that the taking of a Census this year is a normal act of Government; that we in Hong Kong are merely following the lead given to us by the Home Government, which will also be followed by all the other parts of the Empire. There is no ulterior motive in taking the Census now; it is not being done with a view to introducing such things as a poll tax, an income tax, or any other taxation; there is no proposal to take action as regards any overcrowding that may exist; and various other rumours which may arise as they have done in the past regarding the object of the Census may be discounted at once. There is no reason for taking the Census now other than the usual objects in view in the taking of all Censuses.

While Canada's apple crop this year, running to about 3,165,938 barrels, is 20,000 barrels below the five year average, it will probably be one of the best crops for many years. Practically 90 per cent. of it is being shipped out under the new recommended rules of the Dominion Fruit Branch. These rules have two advantages: the number of grades is reduced to two, No. 1 and Domestic; and apples are packed by size with a spread of less than one quarter of an inch.

If it is to handle noiselessly pictures recorded in this new way, the Western Electric Company of Asia, Room 32, Capitol Building, 21 Museum Road, Shanghai, are the China distributors for Western Electric Sound Systems. The service office in Hong Kong, for South China, is in Wyndham Street.

VOLUNTEER CORPS

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

NEW 2ND LIEUTENANT.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, are as under:—

PARADES.

Battery.

There will be a lecture at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday for the following:—
R.S.M. Panchoon Bdr. De Ville
R.Q.M.S. Davies Gnr. Highet
Bdr. Black Gnr. Laughton
Bdr. Lamond
Range Takers as already detailed at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Thursday.

Signal Section—Parade at 5.30 a.m. at Headquarters on Thursday for map reading, etc.
Layers as detailed last week at 5.30 p.m. at Gun Club Hill on Thursday.

Engineer Company.
Monday—Miniature Range shoot at 5.30 p.m.

Corps Signals.
Parades will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday.

Machine Gun Troop.
Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday for Machine Gun instruction.

Armoured Car Company.
Car Section—Parade on Monday at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Driving instruction.

Motor Cycle Section—A talk on "Map Reading and Field Measures" will be given by the Adjutant at 5.45 p.m. in Lecture Room on Monday.

Machine Gun Company.
Parade—The Company will parade in mufti at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters on Tuesday with rifle, belt and bayonet. This is the practice for G.O.C. inspection.

Musketry—Machine Gun Company Rifle Club will meet at Peak Range at 9 a.m. to-morrow. Range Officer: Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes.

Scottish Company.
Parades on Thursday for Machine Gun instruction.
No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Captain H. R. Forsyth.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. A. Duncan, M.B.E.
Musketry—The Company will fire Musketry Part II. at Stonecutters on Sunday, February 8. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m., calling at Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m. Range Officer: Captain H. R. Forsyth.

Portuguese Company.
Parades—Nos. 9, 10, 11, and 12 Platoons will parade at Headquarters on Friday under platoon arrangements.

No. 12A Platoon will parade at Miniature Range for musketry. It is most essential that every one should attend the parades in future in preparation for the General Officer Commanding inspection.

All rifles and bayonets not yet returned to Corps Stores must be returned immediately.

Corps Band.
There will be a Band Practice at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. sharp on Monday and Wednesday.

Annual Rifle Meeting.
There will be Committee Meeting in the Lecture Room at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday. One representative from each unit will attend; and any Officers who wish to attend.

Lecture Room.
The Lecture Room is allotted to the Battery every Thursday evening until further notice.

Parade Ground.
From and including Wednesday, February 11, the Corps Parade Ground, Drill Hall and Miniature Range (when not required by the Band-Miniature Range Club) will be at the disposal of the Pipe Band of the Scottish Company.

Transfer.
No. 682 Pte. W. C. Clark, Armoured Car Company, Motor Cycle Section, is transferred to Corps Signals with effect from January 30.

No. 614 Pte. A. J. Wadmore, Reserve Company, is transferred to Corps Signals with effect from January 30.

CENTRAL THEATRE

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SOUTH POLE"

No. 1258 Sigm. W. C. Simpson, Corps Signals, is transferred to Engineer Company with effect from January 30.

Promotion.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Martin Ingram de Ville to be Second Lieutenant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps with effect from January 27.

Struck Off the Strength.

No. 1292 Bdm. P. T. Rozario, Corps Band, as from January 30, having completed three years service.

Leave.

Captain M. A. Johnson, M.M., returned from leave on January 26.

Lieut. R. K. Valentine, Armoured Car Company, Car Section, granted leave from February 1 to December 1.

No. 1549 Pte. W. E. Hunt, No. 4 Platoon, granted leave from January 19, 1931, to January 19, 1932.

Corps Strength.

With reference to Corps Orders No. 1/31 dated January 2.

Instead of the Corps strength being published in Orders, a copy of same will be sent to all O.S.C. Units for checking purposes.

(Sgd.) W. H. G. COATER,

Captain.

Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

Volunteer Cricket Week.

The Volunteer Cricket Week will be held during Race week and the following matches have been arranged:—

Monday, March 2—v. Kowloon Cricket Club at Kowloon.

Tuesday, March 3—v. The Army at Hong Kong Cricket Club ground.

Wednesday, March 4—v. The Combined League at Hong Kong Cricket Club ground.

Teams will be announced later.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Ten Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

To-night—Annual Concert and Dance, Morrison Hall, University.

Monday—Whist Drive, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Man Trouble."

To-day—Central Theatre, "Love Comes Along."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "Her Private Life."

To-day—World Theatre, "Mother Love."

To-day—Star Theatre, "The Little Adventurer."

To-day—Theatre Royal Westminster Glee Singers, (matinee), 3 p.m.

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Tjibbad).
Land Sales.

Monday—At F.W.D. Offices, three lots of Crown land, 3 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 9.

February 10—H. K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., ordinary meeting, Messrs Jardine Matheson's Offices, 12.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.
Monday—Annual Inspection of St. John Ambulance Brigade, South China Athletic Football Ground, 5.15 p.m.

February 19—Entries close for Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, noon.

February 25—Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, City Hall.

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9872—Marilyn.
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9764—Follow Through.
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CHAPMAN REPLIES TO CRITICS.

Home Opinions Resented In South Africa.

IGNORANCE DISPLAYED.

Capetown, Jan. 5. In spirited words Mr. A. P. F. Chapman replied, through Reuter's special correspondent, to the criticisms in England of the M.C.C. team's ability.

"With regard to the taunt that it is a team of veterans, I should like to point out that in two trying days of fielding under a broiling sun these so-called veterans fielded magnificently. So far from Tate being a spent force, his bowling during the tour has convinced everyone of his ability.

"I do not see why Larwood should be brought into the matter at all. Furthermore, English



A. P. F. Chapman.

critics overlook South Africa's damn fine batting.

"I would like to see a match between the veterans of 35 and over and the younger men. I feel sure the veterans would give a good account of themselves."

Capetown, Jan. 6. "There is only one fly in the sweet-scented ointment of our satisfaction with the result of the second Test. It comes from Fleet Street, which seized the opportunity to exhibit its least sanitary of attributes just at a moment when England were struggling to avert defeat," says the Cape Times to-day in a leading article, headed "The Fly in the Ointment."

"England put up a great, successful struggle, all the same, and all honour to them for having done it with the echo of nasty comment in their ears," says the article. "South Africa, at least, does not

ENGLAND'S BIG SOCCER WIN.

Japanese Team Concede Twenty-Three Goals.

SCOTLAND LOSE.

Shanghai, Jan. 21. There was some tall scoring in to-day's international soccer match between England and Japan, the former winning by the huge margin of twenty-three goals. Urdmore scored eleven times.

Full results:—

Palestine	3	Scotland	2
England	23	Japan	0
China	4	France	0
Portugal	w.o.	Germany	

MIDGET GOLF MANIAC.

Runs Amok Because of Missed Putt.

THOSE TRICK SHOTS.

Dyt played on a midget golf course at Downey. He missed a putt. It made him angry. He growled aloud. He missed another putt. It was too much; he ran amok.

"I quit," he shouted, throwing the ball as far as he could over a fence, "and so does everybody else. This game's no good!"

Using his putter as a weapon he chased all the other players off the course. Then he started looking for more courses to conquer. He went to Bellflower, another town, to find them. After he had driven away all the players there a squad of deputy sheriffs arrived. It took them twenty minutes to overcome Dyt.

Dyt was placed in the cells under fifteen day's sentence for disturbing the peace. He also was under observation for insanity.

forget the handicaps which worked against the M.C.C."

After sympathetically referring to the injuries sustained by several M.C.C. players, and paying a tribute to the bowling and fielding, the paper continues:—"In Fleet Street, 6,000 miles away, critics have been as busy losing the game with their pens as the M.C.C. have been saving it with their bats."

"South Africans resent this yellow dog whine in Fleet Street comment, because they know it is desperately unfair to the M.C.C. men."

GOSSIP IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

JACK FROST UPSETS SCOTTISH FOOTBALL FINANCE.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY BEFORE RUGBY MATCH.

KAYE DON CHALLENGED BY AMERICAN COMMODORE.

NINETEEN ENTRIES FOR DAVIS CUP.

Bidding for the 1936 Olympic Games seems to be very strong, as in addition to Berlin and Barcelona, who are each claiming a right to stage the Games, the Egyptian Government is now considering asking the International Olympic Committee to make Alexandria the venue for the Games in that year.

It is Walter Lindbergh's intention to apply to the Billiards Association and Control Council in the near future for official recognition of his recent break of 3,905 as an official world's record.

An application has already been made by Miss Joyce Gardner, the woman champion, for a certificate regarding a break of 108 which she made in a game against a male professional at Newcastle-on-Tyne. This is the highest recorded break by a woman on a standard sized table.

The Rev. W. Green, of the Surrey Chapel, Blackfriars Road, has, through his solicitors, Messrs. Bryan O'Connor and Co., taken out a writ under the Lord's Day



The Arena Athletic Association have offered Jack Dempsey \$100,000 to fight Jack Sharkey in Boston next summer. It will be recalled that Sharkey offered him any reasonable time to train for a return bout.

Observance Act against Mrs. Dick Burge, owner of The Ring, Blackfriars.

The allegation is that The Ring has been open for boxing on Sundays in contravention of the Act. Mr. Green said his action was in no way associated with any organization for the preservation of the Sabbath or with any of the recent cases under the Act.

Dr. Euwe, of Holland, Chess, the winner of the Chess Masters' Tournament, with concluded at Hastings, is to meet the runner-up, Sonor J. R. Capablanca, in a series of ten games, beginning on July 12. Seven games will be played at Amsterdam, two at The Hague, and one at Rotterdam.

Dr. Euwe won with seven games at Hastings, Capablanca being second with 6½ games.

The Redpath Cup, Cricket, which is awarded annually for the best individual performance in New Zealand cricket, has been won this year by C. S. Dempster, of the Wellington club.

In Wellington's drawn match against the M.C.C. in December last year Dempster compiled an unfinished half-century, which was his side's biggest individual score of the day. His batting average for the 1930 season was 58.86, the second highest in New Zealand first-class cricket.

Following an operation in a French hospital, Pete Moeskops, the famous Dutch professional sprint cyclist, has decided to retire from racing.

He has been one of the greatest sprinters in history, winning the world's championship in 1921-2-3-4-6, and finishing second for the past three years.

Moeskops has informed a friend that he intends to spend his days "among the chickens and rabbits," and take up farming.

Jack Frost cost Scottish football clubs a "bonny penny" early in the New Year. But for his blighting presence Patrick Thistle would have been rejoicing in a thirty thousand crowd, with packed stands, at Firhill. It may be impossible to get as good a date for the match.

Those games which did take place were not too profitable. Leith Athletic, in spite of their wonderful win at Hamilton, could only draw 1,400 people to their Scottish Cup tie rehearsal with Clyde. The gate money amounted to £78, so that Leith had to dip into the cash box to make up the £100 guarantee.

Johnny Farrell, the famous American golf professional, has turned down an offer of £1,000 to make a tour of Australia with Gene Sarazen this winter.

Farrell, known as the "Beau Brummel" of American golf, last year won a competition for sartorial elegance amongst golfers, the prize being about £100.

The title of champion greyhound for 1930 over all distances, is claimed

for Maiden's Boy, which finished up a remarkable season by winning the Christmas Cup at Wembley. This popular animal—still under three years old—was bought by its present owner, S. Young, for £750, and since March last year it has won £2,200 in prize money. It has been first in 24 and second in eight of the 59 races in which it has appeared. This greyhound holds the world's record for 550 yards.

Hockey is as old a game as football (writes "Polaris" in the Star) for the very first man who walked with a stick in his hand surely hit a stone. Therefore, it is not surprising to discover that the Red Indians have played a kind of hockey for many years.

They use a very long stick, and in different tribes the curve varies. The sticks are often painted or carved. The ball is made of either wood or deerskin. Any number of players take part in the games, and play becomes fast and furious. It is also a battle of wits, as the following instance proves:—

In the middle of a violent struggle a pitiable scream was suddenly heard in a far corner of the ground. The players ran to see what had caused it. Thereupon the screamer stopped and laughingly pointed to one of his own side, who had been left in possession of the ball and was just about to score a goal.

A donkey in the Hunting little village of Wigginton, Hertfordshire, revealed a taste for fox-hunting. A pack of foxes was being exercised around a farm at Wigginton when the donkey appeared amongst them. "For a few yards the hounds went after the donkey, then he settled down amongst them," and when a moment later, hounds picked up the scent of a fox the donkey joined them in the run. For ten minutes he was with them, in the middle of the pack. Then came a check, the fox getting into a wire-bound wood.

His sport ended, the donkey returned to the farm life of the farm.

Mr. Kaye Don, the British racing motorist, who is planning to take the motor-boat Miss England II. to the British Exhibition at Buenos Aires, Argentina, in Spring, has been challenged by Commodore Gar Wood, through the Miami Beach Yacht Club, to go to Florida to race against his Miss America IX.

Sir Henry (then Mayor) Segrave won the world's motor-boat speed championship against Commodore Gar Wood (following a default of his Miss America VII.) last year at Miami, Florida, in Miss England II.

A quiet little ceremony took place at Colombes before the match between France and Ireland.

It took the form of the laying of a wreath at the foot of the statue of Yves du Manoir, the brilliant young French stand-off half, who was killed in a flying accident.

There were very few people about, and it was raining dismally. The French team gathered round the statue, and in silence Ribero, their captain, stepped forward and placed the wreath in position. Then there was silence for at least a



Mickey Walker, whose middleweight title was recently suspended, went out of his class and knocked out Matt Adgie, Philadelphia light heavyweight, in the first round of a ten-round bout. Walker weighed 153½ and Adgie 173½.

minute before the players quietly dispersed. Before a national encounter and with their natural enthusiasm, it was great to see the respect paid by the French fifteen to their former fellow-player.

Nineteen nations have Tennis, sent entries for the Davis Cup, the premier international tennis trophy.

Britain is entered in the European zone, for which the other entries are South Africa, Greece, Monaco, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Japan, and Yugoslavia.

Entries in the American zone are United States, Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Canada.

Sir Thomas Lipton Yachting, on his arrival at Southampton said he would again challenge for the America's cup as soon as the New York Yacht Racing Association settles upon the rules governing the race. "I'd challenge to-morrow if I knew what the rules were to be," he said. "I hope they bar metal masts and I hope they make them illegal for the next race, which probably will take place in 1932, if the rules are settled upon."

MALVERN'S FINE RECORD.

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GREAT SEASON.

Malvern College, with seven remaining soccer colours commenced their season in high optimism. The future card which we append below is only up to their expectations:—

v. Westminster 8-0.
v. Ripon 4-2.
v. Bradford 5-1.
v. Shrewsbury 5-2.

JAPANESE ATHLETE INSURES.

Legs Too Valuable For Business Trips.

FIRST OF HIS KIND.

A marine insurance company has insured the legs of a high hurdler for ¥6,000.

The athlete in question is Koshiro Miki, former Keio University high hurdler, who was popularly called "a one man-powered super-engine" due to the speed he showed in the 1928 World Championship Games at Amsterdam, the Japanese-French athletic meet in 1929, and the Japanese-German athletic meet in the same year.

The ex-star athlete is now working in the inquiry department of the Osakaya Shoten, a stock broker firm in Osaka. He thinks, however, that his legs are too valuable merely to use for busy trips between his office and the Stock Exchange, and has decided to let them try their skill at the 10th World Championship Games to take place at Los Angeles in 1932.

He then hit upon a plan to protect his valuable legs until the big event two years hence. According to an officer of the Kobe Marine Insurance Company, the insurer of this pair of legs, that Miki is the first athlete in Japan to insure his

bodily "machinery."

Miki said that he never thought to obtain any prominence by so doing, but that high-hurdling often causes injuries and so he has had his legs insured by the company in order to obtain compensation if this costly pair of legs does not safely arrive in Los Angeles accompanied by his body, head and hands.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF WALTER HAGEN.

Not One of America's Best Ten.

STILL YOUNG!

Not much more than a year ago Walter Hagen won the British open golf championship for the fourth time. This year he is not included in the ten greatest professionals in America! And Hagen is still on the right side of forty. The year's ranking of America's professional golfers is as under:—

1. MacDonald Smith; 2. Tommy Armour; 3. Horton Smith; 4. Gene Sarazen; 5. Harry Cooper; 6. Charlie Lacey; 7. Leo Diegel; 8. Al Espinosa; 9. Joe Kirkwood; 10. Johnny Farrell.

MacDonald Smith gets his position for being second to Bobby Jones in the British Open and the



Walter Hagen.

American Open. He was in each case only two strokes behind the peerless amateur. With Jones out of the way, Hagen may be heard of again next season. Perhaps he was a bit tired of playing the Nightmarish role to the wizard of all times.

There is a growing agitation amongst the public—who are, as I have always said, the final arbiters of any argument—that split decisions should cease. They must cease. Otherwise, I say frankly that the boxing game will go to pieces.—Jeff Barr.

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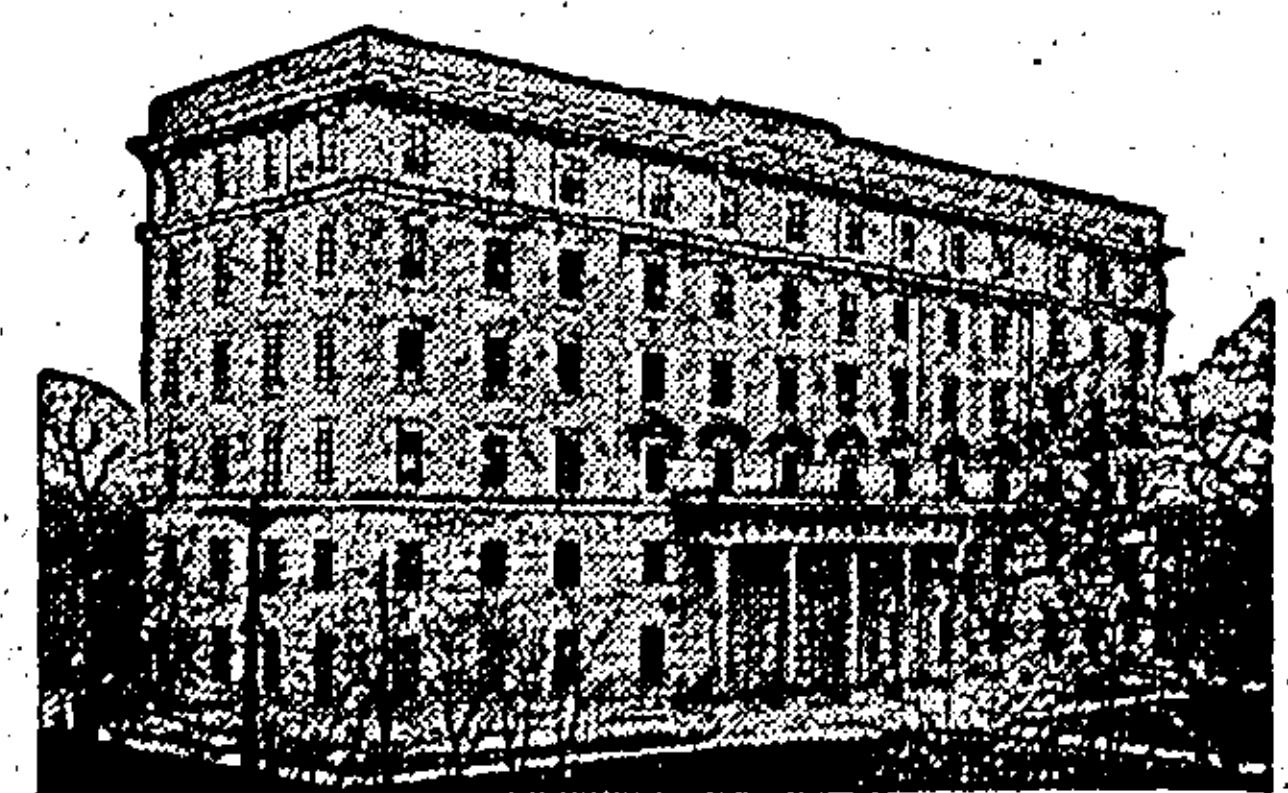
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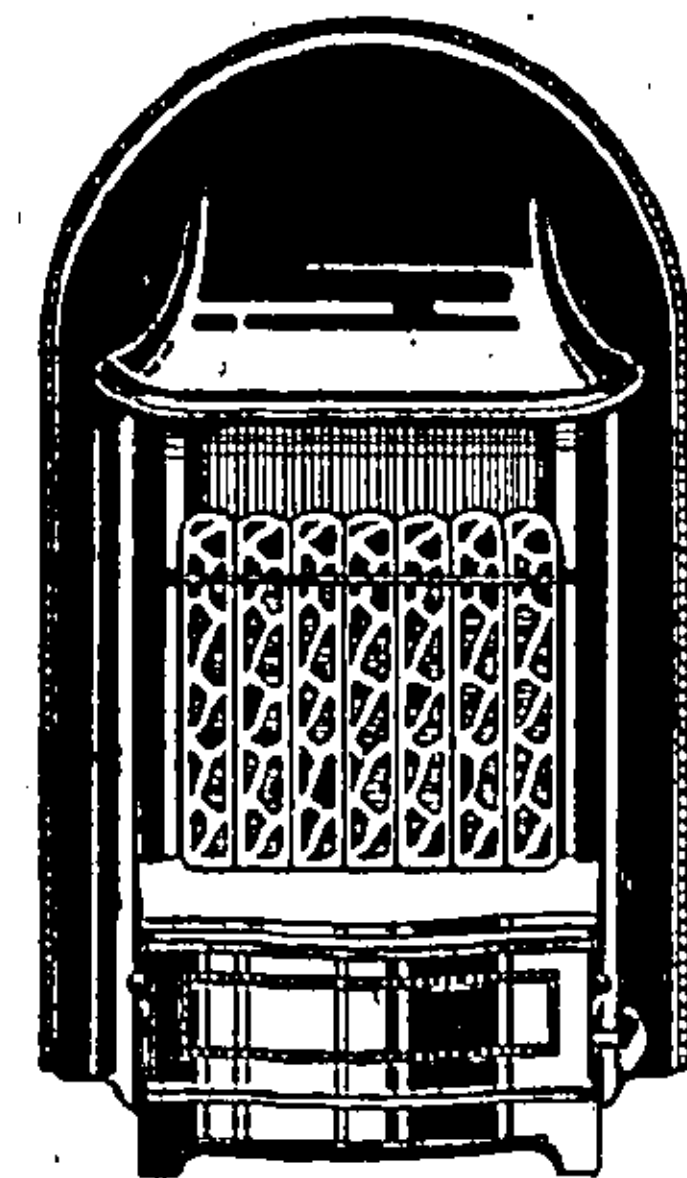
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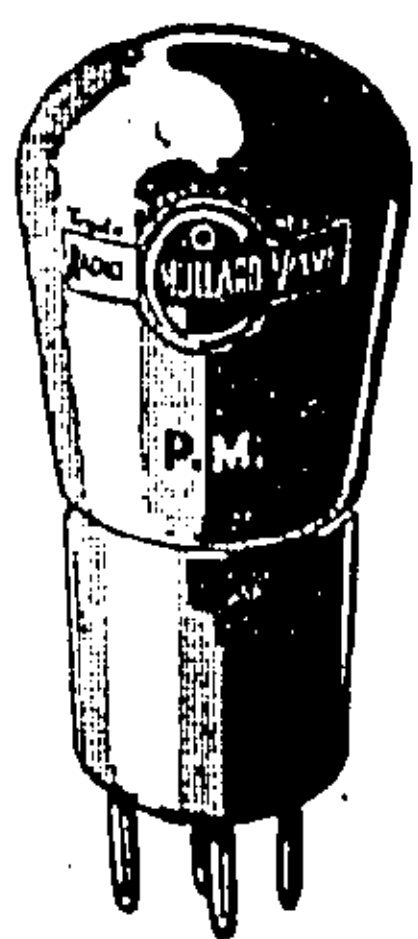


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BOYS OF LONG AGO.

NICHOLAS.

King Charles the first was a prisoner in Carisbrooke Castle when Nicholas' patron, the young Earl of Blackwell, was seized by Cromwell and sent to the Tower for seeking to assist his sovereign.

Nicholas, the son of a rich yeoman, had caught the fever which originated in the king him-

self, and his wild longing to paint pictures had caused him to approach the Earl and beg permission to paint his portrait.

The Earl was amazed at the presumption of a lad not yet fifteen, but, after examining the boy's drawings, he decided to become his patron and to take Nicholas into his household.

Within one short year calamity fell upon the Earl. Months passed without news of him, Nicholas had no heart to paint, and the young Countess pined and grew pale. Then, one dreadful evening, a messenger came from Cromwell to tell the Countess that her husband was to be executed on

Tower Hill, and to bring her permission to bid him farewell. Nicholas flung himself out of the house and lay down in the silent field, weeping miserably. He did not think of his own future which was ruined without a patron, but of the young Earl's ordeal. Could he be saved? A mad idea rushed through the lad's brain, and, returning to the house, he knelt at the Countess's feet and begged her to listen to him.

The following afternoon, four ladies attended by Nicholas arrived at the Tower to bid farewell to the Earl. Nicholas and the Countess were the first to mount the narrow stone steps to the cell, and the Guard drew aside kindly to allow them to pass. After a while, Nicholas went down to fetch the Earl's mother and nurse, but the old lady was so overcome that the boy and the nurse were obliged to lead her back almost immediately to her coach outside the Tower. Then Nicholas re-entered the cell with the Earl's sister.

Now all this coming and going was timed to take place during the changing of the Guard. Each of the ladies had cleverly contrived to leave behind in the cell some article of clothing, and the old nurse had concealed a wig under her cloak! Soon the Earl was disguised as his nurse, and, accompanied by his sister, went down the narrow stairs, passed the numerous sentries, and quitted the Tower.

It was a terrible moment for Nicholas and the Countess who were left alone in the cell, for did one soldier remember that the nurse had already gone all was lost. When the Captain of the Guard knocked sharply on the door, saying it was time to leave, the young Countess stumbled out supported by Nicholas, and, in common decency, the Captain was obliged to help her to the drawbridge.

They all escaped to Holland by different routes, for it was not till Nicholas and the Countess were rowing down the Thames that the alarm was given. Thus a great artist and his patron were saved for England.

THE DISHONEST FARMER.

You Get What
You Give!

Once upon a time a very dishonest farmer took to market a large basket which appeared to be full of plums. But the plums were only on the top, the rest of the basket being filled with acorns. Now the farmer considered himself a clever young man to think of this, and he sang as he offered the fruit for sale:

"Plums, plums, ripe and red!
On the sun they have royally fed,
And gathered at noon,
This excellent prune,
Will make jam for your dry winter bread."

Up and down the market he swaggered, until a man with a sack of beans on his back heard him, sighed for the delicious plums, and made up a little song about his beans to tempt the farmer to exchange goods. In a very loud voice he said:

"Beans, beans, rich and rare!
Include in your everyday fare!
And these I've for sale,
Will a secret, unwell,
For their magic's beyond all compare!"

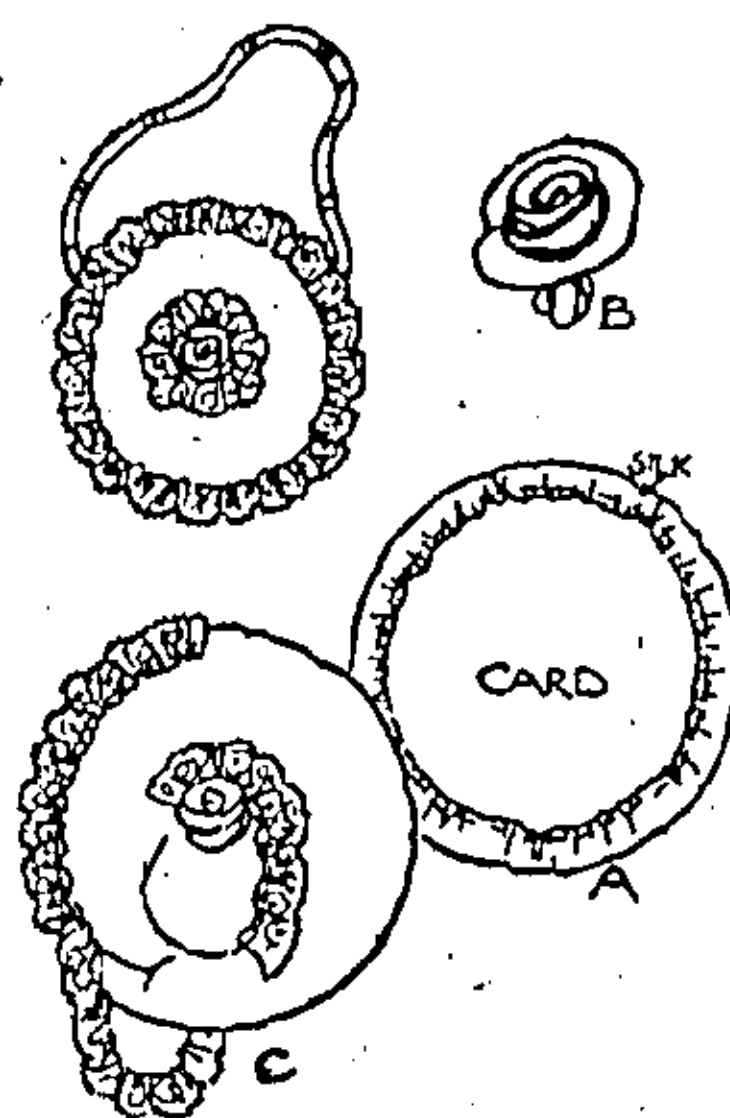
"Let's have a look at them, friend," laughed the farmer. He took up a handful of beans and examined them. They were very good beans, so he offered to exchange his basket of plums for

WENDY'S LITTLE DRESSMAKERS.

A Dainty Party
Hand-Bag.

To make a dainty party hand-bag like the one sketched, you will require four circles of silk or satin in some pale colour to match your dress, each circle five inches across. You will also need four circles of very thin card, four and a half inches across.

Run a gathering thread round the edge of one of the silk circles, pull it up slightly, and slip it over a cardboard circle. Do the same



The Dainty Party Hand-bag; and diagrams to show how to make it.

to each of the other three, lay them together in pairs with the wrong sides facing each other, and slipstitch each pair of circles together. Diagram A shows you what a covered circle looks like.

Now make a rose out of a strip of silk ribbon, in a deeper shade than the material, and stitch it to the centre of one circle. By folding the ribbon round and round, like Diagram B, you'll soon get a rose shape. Take a piece of inch-wide lace, gather one edge and sew this behind the rose, as shown in Diagram C. Take another piece of lace, and sew it round the edge of the circle, afterwards going over the stitches with silk stem-stitching in the same colour as the rose.

Do the same with the other circle, and sew the two together, leaving about four inches at the top for an opening. Stitch a cord or ribbon handle to the top of the bag put a press-stud in the centre of the opening, and the work is finished.

Wendy's Dressmaker.

DO YOU KNOW.

1. How much air a man consumes in a day?
2. What the earth's coastline measures?
3. When were the first photographs taken in England?
4. Who introduced rabbits into England?
5. What sum in banknotes is issued by the Bank of England every week?

Answers.

1. Over six cubic yards of air.
2. The earth's coastline measures 136,000 miles.
3. In 1802.
4. The Normans.
5. £20,000,000 worth of banknotes.

THE CLEVEREST ONE.

Another Jungle Tale.

Mike the monkey was down by the river when the storm came on, and there was no shelter anywhere. Back to the jungle he raced, his poor little feet caked with mud, his coat wet through, and his face blue with cold. Shuddering, he darted under a tree and clung to the nice rough bark. Then he heard Prim the parrot laugh.

Prim had her nest in that tree, and she was warm, and snug, and quite dry. She poked her pink and grey head just a little way out, and simply giggled.

"W-w-what are you l-l-l-laughing about?" asked Mike, his teeth chattering like cups and saucers.

"You," said Prim. "You are so clever, Mike! You think of the most wonderful things, but you can't do anything. I'm only a bird, but I can build myself a beautiful nest, while you stay out in the storm because you don't know how to make a house. Why, even worms make burrows and they have neither beaks nor hands!"

Mike couldn't answer that; he could only think about it. And the more he thought, the more angry he became—and the more Prim laughed. At last, in a rage, Mike climbed the tree and shook his fist at Prim.

"Oh, I can't build a house, indeed!" he cried. "Well, if I can't build one, I can pull one down with my two hands, which is more than you, or anyone in the jungle, can do!"

As he stretched out his two delicate little hands to destroy her nest, Prim screamed. You see, she hadn't thought of that.

"You're the cleverest one, Mike!" she cried. "But you'll be unkind if you do it!"

That, of course, was quite true, and Mike walked haughtily away to dry himself in the sun.

"Never mention houses to me again," he commanded.

Prim never did!

SHADOW FACES.

A lot of amusement can be had on a wet evening by the seaside, with a ball of paper and an electric torch. Screw up a piece of fairly thick paper into a ball, and lay it on another piece of paper, then get an electric torch and hold it at an angle, so that your ball of paper throws a shadow. You will then find that the shadow will make a funny face. If not, twist the ball of paper round until it does.

Then get your pencil and draw round the outline of the shadow. Take away the paper ball and fill in the eye, nostril, and ear, and your face is complete. One ball of paper will make lots of funny faces, and when you are tired of making those screw up another piece of paper and start again.

CAKE RIDDLES.

What kind of cake would you expect to find after rain?—Rain-bow cake.
What kind would a gardener prefer?—Seed cake.
What kind would you use for a bath?—Sponge cake.

THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP.

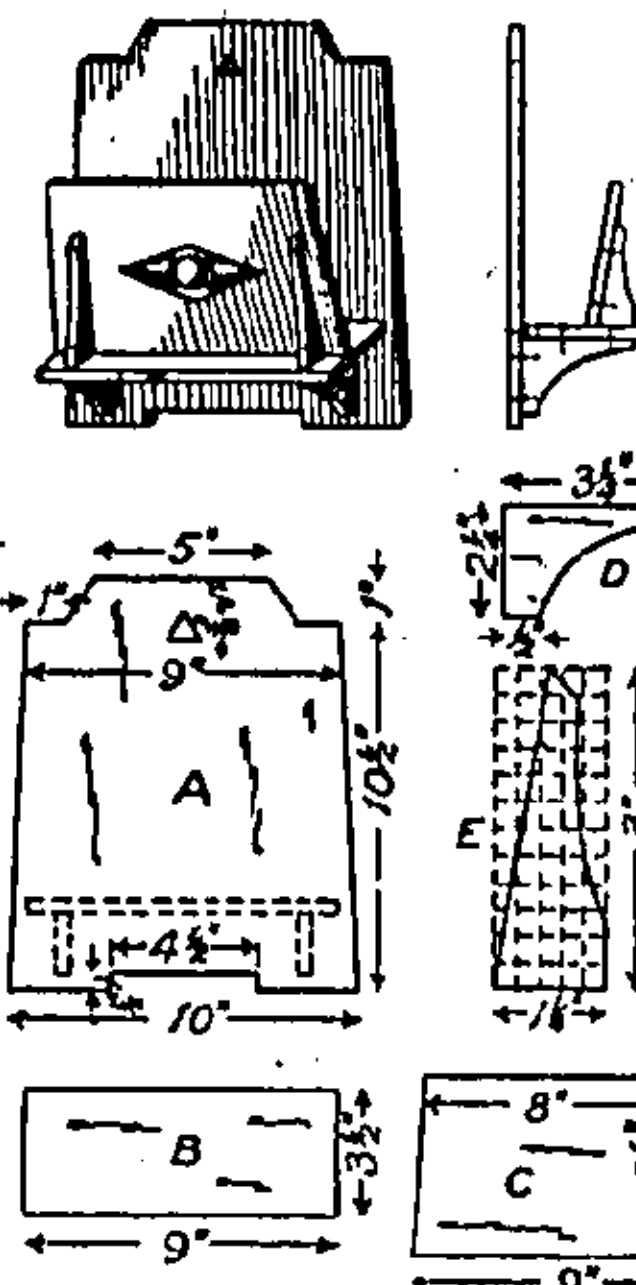
A Newspaper Rack.

This useful Newspaper Rack is made from wood three-eighths of an inch thick.

First, mark the outline of the back A on a piece of planed wood eleven and a half inches long and ten inches wide, and cut away the top corners and the piece from the bottom edge. Cut the triangular hole near the top edge for hanging up the rack.

Next, mark out the shapes of the shelf B and the sloping front C to the sizes given. Saw and plane these carefully to the finished sizes; and then plane the bottom edge of the part C so that it slopes forward at a slight angle when placed on the shelf.

Cut the brackets for supporting the shelf as shown at D. After cutting the curved parts with a pad-saw, smooth the rough edges with glasspaper.



This Newspaper Rack will form a nice present for Father. The diagrams will help you to make it.

To make the brackets for the sloping front, saw a piece of wood to the sizes given at E and mark it out in quarter-inch squares. These will help you to set out the shape of the bracket. After cutting it out and smoothing the edges, place it on another piece of wood and with a pencil, mark the outline. Cut the other bracket to shape and finish the edges with glasspaper.

In fitting the parts together, fix the two brackets D to the back-board by two screws in each, driven in from the back of the board. Next, screw the brackets E to the sloping front and fix these parts to the shelf with screws driven in from underneath. Finally screw the shelf, with the sloping front attached, to the backboard and the supporting brackets.

To give a finish to the rack, pin and glue a wooden ornament of diamond shape on to the sloping front as shown in the first diagram, and give the whole a coat of light-oak varnish stain.

The Hut Carpenter.

OUR SWEET MAKING CORNER.

Chocolate Nut Sticks.

Beat up the white of one egg with one spoonful of lemon juice, add gradually enough icing sugar to make a paste, and colour this brown with cocoa. The mixture should be a fairly thick, smooth paste, which can be handled without sticking to the fingers. Roll it out on a board, cut into thin strips about four inches long, roll each strip into a stick, and coat thickly with finely chopped nuts. Place on a sieve to dry.

The chocolate paste may be cut into squares, or any shapes preferred, before being coated with the chopped nuts. Arranged in little paper cases, the sweets look very pretty on a party table.

THE WINTER OF MY DISCONTENT

The sun shines bright on every roof but mine,
Around the gate the children shout in play—
The grasses nod, leaves quiver in the wind;
And overhead, a sparrow chirps his lay
Alone, midst spring and sunshine incarnate,
Mine is the heart in winter desolate.

THE LAMENT.

They say I cannot count
Up to a great amount;
But I who am a mother
Know there was another
Kitten that I kissed—
A kitten sorely missed.
I sought the world around
For my baby—'tis still un-
found,
And though I still can purr
Over one bit of fur,
I who am a mother
Know that I had another.

TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

Last week we drew two letters—G on E—and I suppose you soon came to the conclusion that they represented the word "Gone" which was hidden in the puzzle. Full solution:—

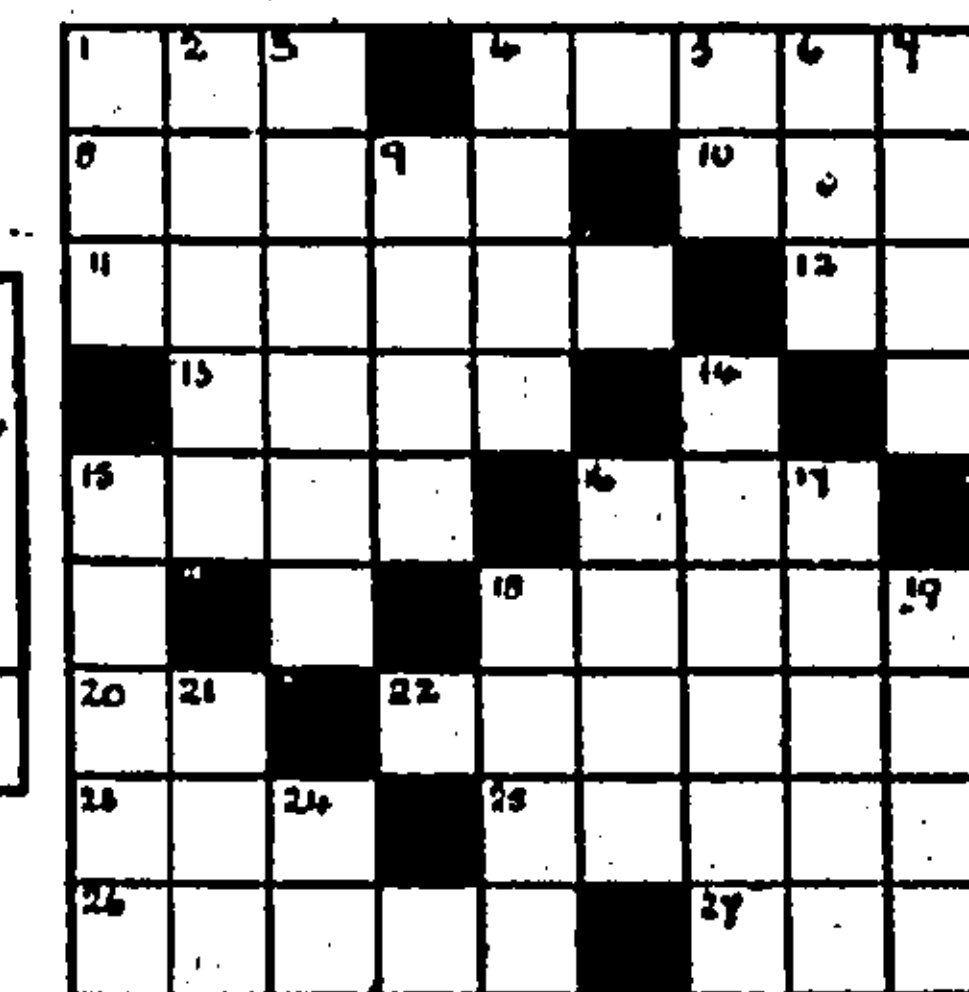
Across.

1. Twinkles at night (Star).
4. Exclamation of sorrow (Alas).
7. Behold! (Lo).
8. End of a prayer (Amen).
11. As far as (To).
12. Not ugly (Pretty).
14. Part of verb "to be" (Are).
15. Work with needle and cotton (Sew).
17. Negative (No).
20. Part of verb "to be" (Am).
21. Hidden word (Gone).
23. Exclamation (Hi).
24. Not ancient (Modern).
25. Because (As).
27. Conjunction (Or).
28. Compass point (SE).
29. Pinches (Nips).
30. To transact (Do).
31. Groups (Sets).
32. Always (Ever).

Down.

1. Crafty (Sly).
2. Same as 11 across (To).
3. Uncommon (Rare).
4. Insects (Ants).
5. Preposition (At).
6. Weep (Sob).
9. Pronoun (Me).
10. French for "and" (Et).
12. Peep (Pry).
13. Tree (Yew).
16. Tire out with worry (Harass).
17. Incline the head (Nod).
18. Number (One).
19. Looking-glass (Mirror).
21. Dresses (Gowns).
22. Rub out (Erase).
25. Perceive (See).
27. Poem (Ode).

A funny little figure is drawn at the side of this week's problem. Can you guess what it is? If not, you'll find its name (two words) hidden in the puzzle.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?

Clues:—

1. Put into one total.
4. Used at the dinner-table.
8. Small green fish.
10. Stitch.
11. Breathes noisily when asleep.
12. You and I.
13. First part of hidden name.
15. Perceived.
16. Second part of hidden name.
18. Italian city.
20. One.
22. Vegetable.
23. Propel by oars.
25. Part of a flower.
26. Tall plants commonly found in woods.
27. Measure of length.

Down.

1. Animal.
2. Thick.
3. Boes who don't work.
4. Recognised.
5. Part of verb "to be."
6. Not many.
7. Water pitcher.
9. Metal.
14. Roof of the mouth.
15. Begin.
17. A tiny thing.
18. South African Colony.
19. Floor cleaners.
20. Another name for the head.
21. Follows neither.
24. Same as 12 across.

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thor of this book has endeavoured
to provide material for those
who already know and appreciate
Mary Webb, and want to see for
themselves the places where her

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life was spent and where the
characters of her novels passed
through their suffering and joy.

At Leighton, a tiny hamlet at
the foot of the Wrekin, where
Mary Webb was born, there still
lives her old nurse who remembers
her charge's early love for
animals, and that she was always
writing—bits of poetry and
things. Many of the country folk
still talk of this woman who made
herself as loved by all who came
in contact with her as she is by
those who only know her through
her work. She grew up among
the traditions and customs of that
lovely and quiet countryside, and
only left it on occasions when her
name made it necessary to go to
London; she felt exiled in towns
and always longed for the county
where she could be alone again
with the hills and forests and
flowers which were the delight of
her mind.

Mr. Reid has taken immense
trouble to find the exact settings
of the novels and to examine and
explain their background, while
those who are also interested in
the antiquities of a county where
there are so many traces of Roman
and Celt will find much useful in-
formation.

One feels that a good deal of
the matter given is rather irrele-
vant and tiresome, as if the author
felt that his book required to be
spun out, and unfortunately he
has not the power of giving life
either to the personality of Mary
Webb, or to the places he so care-
fully describes. For these we
must go direct to the novels and
poems, but as a kind of supple-
mentary guide book for the tour-
ist it will no doubt be of use.
There are some adequate photo-
graphs.

NOVELIST AND HIS NAMES.

Mr. Brett Young, who tried to
avoid possible libel actions by nam-
ing all the characters in a forth-
coming novel from place-names on
an Ordnance Survey map, may
have taken a hint from the late Nat
Gould, who called his characters
after railway stations—and either
method would seem safer than
that of Balzac, who took his names
from the fascias of Paris shops,
or of a certain living writer, who
confesses that he chooses all his
from gravestones.

One of the chief pitfalls in the
invention of names is that an ut-
terly grotesque name may prove to
have a real holder, for in such
matters reality outruns imagina-
tion. Most of Dickens's charac-
ters have names that seem obvious
inventions yet some of the most ac-
centric were drawn from such
sources as the Privy Council Edu-
cation Lists.

From one such list he extracted
for future use some scores of curi-
ous names, including Robert Liddle,
Jolly Stick, Bill Marigold, George
Muzzle, Henry Ghost, William
Why, Robert Gospel, Robin Scrub-
bush, Sarah Goldsacks, Rosetta
Dust, Sophia Doodman, Alice
Thornycroft, Verity Hawkyard, and
Sally Gimlet.

THE PATIENCE AND BRAVERY
OF PEACE.

"My only regret is that I never
was a Boy Scout.

If I had been, I believe I could
have been a more useful citizen.
"We live in difficult times and
the training received by a Scout
is a great asset to him.

"We are up against economic
troubles which require almost as
much patience and bravery to
overcome as the trouble we over-
came during the Great War.
"The future of our Empire is
in the hands of the younger gen-
eration.

"You must all do your bit to
carry on according to the tenets
of this splendid Scout Movement
and I have every confidence that
you will."—Lord Castlereagh, at
Seaham Harbour.

STOPPED—BUT NOT FOR
REWARD!

"I take off my hat to the mem-
ber of the 5th Bishop Stortford
Group of Boy Scouts.

"After overtaking and stopping
a runaway horse, the gallant
Scout was offered a reward by the
owner.

"This was courteously declined
on the ground that he could not
take a reward for doing his duty
as a Scout. Well done! and,
thank Heaven, he is the type of
boy the Scout Movement is help-
ing to create."—Hertfordshire Ob-
server.

PRINCESS MARY & YORKSHIRE
SCOUTS.

Princess Mary sent a number of
gifts for sale at the Arts and
Crafts Exhibition which West
Riding (Yorkshire) Boy Scouts
held at Ilkley.

The Exhibition was opened by
Lord Hyde, son of the Earl and
Countess of Clarendon, who is a
keen Rover Scout. Lord Hyde also
opened a new Scout section of the
Ilkley Public Library and on Sun-
day addressed a Scouts' Own meet-
ing at Draughton, near Skipton.

UNEMPLOYED WHO REFUSED
PAYMENT.

In a letter to The Liverpool Echo,
Mr. G. H. Warrington, the victim
of a gassing accident, alluding to
claims made on behalf of some of
his assistants during his accident,
says, "The unemployed man, who
was injured during his application
of artificial respiration refused any
reward whatsoever from me on the
grounds that he was a Boy Scout,
and did not receive payment for his
good deeds."

ROUND THE CAMP FIRE

SWIMMING TROPHIES.

The 1st Dumbarton (Y.M.C.A.)
Group of Boy Scouts, and the 4th
Chester Group, are the winners
and runners-up respectively of the
Otter Club Challenge Shield Com-
petition, for the highest percent-
age of swimmers in a Boy Scout
Group, taking also into considera-
tion the percentage of Scouts
swimming and life-saving badges
gained.

This competition is open to all
Groups of Boy Scouts in the Unit-
ed Kingdom.

The 1st Dumbarton Group scored
257.57 points as against the 4th
Chester Group's score of 197.95
points.

The 1st Dumbarton Group have
also won the Darnell Challenge
Cup for Swimming and Life-Sav-
ing, for 1930, which is open to all
Boy Scouts in the United King-
dom.

The competition consists of a
time test in open still water or in
a bath, and the 1st Dumbarton
Group's aggregate time was 6
minutes 7 seconds as against the
7 minutes 20 seconds of the 43rd
Reading Group, the runners-up.

SCOUTING LOOKS AHEAD.

The Chief Scout, Lord Baden-
Powell, speaking at a conference
of Scoutmasters and Clergy of
East London said:

"Our Movement stands in a
rather difficult position simply be-
cause of its success.

"The Jamboree of 1929 sur-
prised us inside the Movement and
gave us great ideas of the future.
"There were many outcomes to it
which astonished us and it opened
the eyes of the public.

"It meant that the public had
now a higher idea of our doings and
a higher expectation of our results.
We are now trying to fortify our-
selves for these possibilities."

ODD JOB SAMARITANS.

The Boy Scout of the 1st Bur-
ton Group had a busy time recent-
ly. They set out to do odd jobs
during the evenings and Saturday
afternoon.

In return for their work they
asked that gifts of money should
be sent to the Children's Ward of
the Burton and District Hos-
pital.

SCOUT'S DOUBLE RESCUE.

Scout J. E. Gillies, age 15, of
Winnipeg, Canada, has been
awarded the Boy Scouts' Silver
Cross, the second highest award
for life saving.

When this 15-year-old Scout's
elder brother got into difficulties
while bathing, Scout Gillies went
to his rescue and after a struggle
brought him ashore.

Later, Scout Gillies' sister fell
off a diving board and it was only
after he had dived three times
that Gillies managed to clasp the
drowning girl's heel and bring her
to shore. As the accidents hap-
pened in swift-running water and
the rescuer was exhausted after
having saved his brother, he ran
considerable risk in performing
this double act of bravery which,
for some considerable time, owing
to his silence, remained unknown.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

"When the outlook is bad,
try the uplook."

RESOURCE.

Two youths, uncomfortably sup-
porting a third, made their way
one evening down London's Fleet
Street.

A Boy Scout came up behind.
There was an interchange of con-
versation and many gestures.

After what looked like a mutual
shaking of eight hands, a four-
handed seat was effected and the
injured youth hoisted thereon.

The Scout bade from "Good-
night" and they walked briskly
down the street, carrying their
friend in comfort—thanks to a
Boy Scout's training.

A BADGE HINT.

Many Scouts lose their button-
hole badge owing to the hole in the
lapel of the coat becoming worn.
Here is a method of keeping the
badge in place.

Obtain a fairly thick piece of
cardboard about 3/4 in. square. In
the centre of this cut a slit about
3/4 in. long. Now slip the badge
into the buttonhole in the ordinary
way, and slip the card over the back
of the former. The result is a
"non-budge" badge.

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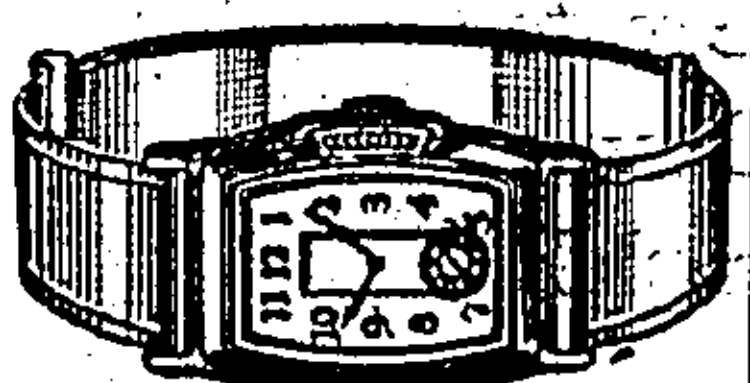


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The Committee of the newly formed St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong find that the formation of the Society, as well as the arrangements for their first Ball on March 17, have given them a great deal of work, but they are putting in some very useful team work as well as acting individually in the various capacities to which they have been deputed. They are greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm of the many Irish men and Irish women in the Colony who are joining up in large numbers. At present they have the names of over 200 members and prospective members, and they look forward to an appreciable increase of this number.

Mr. Andrew Harper has joined as a life member and has made a gift of \$500 to the General Fund. The Committee has decided that all entrance fees, subscription fees, and donations should be devoted entirely to charitable purposes and general expenses of administration, and that balls and similar social functions should pay for themselves.

Sir Joseph Kemp. During the past week the Committee has met twice under the Chairmanship of Mr. F. P. R. James, Chairman of Committee, and among other things has approved the expression of the Rules as agreed to in principle at the inaugural General Meeting. Copies will shortly be distributed to all members.

A cable is being sent to Sir Joseph Kemp who is at present at Home, intimating his election as President of the Society.

Various Sub-Committees have been formed in connection with the Ball, and as the result of their deliberations it has been decided to hold the St. Patrick's Day Ball in the Peninsula Hotel. Supper, wines and other liquid refreshments will be provided at an inclusive cost of \$10. The Ball will commence at 9.30 p.m. on that day and will conclude at 2 a.m. Letters have been sent to all members and prospective members asking for particulars of the number of tickets required. It is hoped to have all such necessary information by February 10.

Irish Dances. The Committee is desirous of

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

"COME TO STAY", DECLARES INDIAN PROFESSOR.

PUNJAB LECTURE.

"The English language has come to India to stay—to get rid of it would be as bad and as foolish as 'cutting off the nose to spite the face,'" declared Professor N. C. Davuwalla in a recent lecture to Punjab educationists.

If, like Alice in Wonderland, Miss English was asked, Are you to get in at all, she might reply: "I taught you everything I could without distinction of caste or creed. I was perfectly straight, perfectly fair in all my dealings with you. I did not care whether you were a Hindu, a Mohammedan, Sikh or Parsi, whether you were fair or black or brown or yellow. Shakespeare was Shakespeare—to everybody who had the brains to understand him. I taught you to understand him, and Milton, Burke, Shelley, Byron, Rousseau, J. S. Mill and other lovers of liberty. I taught you to read the speeches of Chatham, Burke, Charles James Fox, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, John Bright, William Wilberforce and others.

India's Problems. "Through me you studied the problems of your country, learned economics, statistical methods, sciences, arts, geography on modern lines, and above all, history, political science, political institutions and political philosophy from Plato and Aristotle; to Locke, Hobbes, Rousseau, Bluntschli, Lencock, Getteli, Woodrow Wilson, Sidney and Beatrice Webb, not to mention literary writers, like H. G. Wells and George Bernard Shaw. And history. . . I have trained your scientists and doctors to kill or heal mankind. I have taught you to become scientists like Rose, industrialists like Sir Ratan Tata, barristers like Jinnah, Nehru, and a host of others. In shops in exports and import trade, in commerce and business, I help you. Now will you please let me enter?"

including a number of Irish dances in the Ball programme and to afford opportunities for prior practice. They can arrange for the necessary room and instruction and invite all those who intend to participate to submit their names as early as possible to the Hon. Secretary P. O. Box 417, Hong Kong.

RESCUE IN COLOMBO HARBOUR.

Rough Sea Almost Swamps Boat.

SOLDIER OVERBOARD.

The commendable action taken by Mr. G. E. Appelbe, one of the Colombo Harbour pilots, resulted in the rescue of a French ex-soldier, believed to be of the Foreign Legion, who jumped overboard at the entrance to Colombo harbour.

The French steamer Cap Padaran, bound for Europe, slipped her moorings and was leaving port about 7.15 p.m. on January 12 when suddenly just outside the entrance to the harbour, a man jumped overboard.

The sea was unusually rough and the man was tossed about badly by the breakers, disappearing at times for several minutes.

The ex-Legionnaire was apparently a good swimmer and succeeded in keeping afloat, though with difficulty.

Two life-belts were thrown from the Cap Padaran immediately the alarm "Man Overboard" was given, but owing to the choppy nature of the sea and the falling light it was impossible for the swimmer to reach either of the belts.

The steamer slowed down and stood off the port about half a mile from the entrance.

A Plucky Rescue.

In the meantime Mr. Appelbe, realizing the plight of the man, got into one of the Pilot Station rowboats and went out to the rescue of the ex-soldier, who by now was exhausted.

Mr. Appelbe and the crew of the boat were faced with great danger and it was with no little difficulty that they succeeded in reaching the Frenchman and taking him into the boat.

The rescue party then made for the steamer at the risk of having their little craft swamped at any moment.

A boat was lowered from the Cap Padaran and the ex-Soldier hoisted on board, after which the rescue party reached the Pilot Station in safety.

The export of live foxes from Canada to Germany continues to increase in number. During 1929 a total of 892 animals, valued at \$259,552 were shipped from the Dominion, as compared with the previous year's exports of 375 animals valued at \$105,360.

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